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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on the launch of the 2019 Chairman's Awards and changes to our mail service.

2019 Chairman's Awards launched

The 2019 Chairman's Awards are now OPEN!

The annual Chairman's Awards provide a superb opportunity to showcase our services and our people, celebrate our successes and share best practice.



This year the awards have been given a refresh; we have introduced four new categories in recognition of our key aims – Better Care, Better Health, Better Value and Better Workplace and while our popular Nursing and Volunteer categories remain, the International Service category has been renamed Global Citizenship.

Chairman, John Brown, said: "Each day when I visit services across the organisation I am hugely impressed by the people I meet and their dedication to their patients and the NHS. Our awards are a fantastic opportunity to shine a light on these people and help us celebrate the people who go above and beyond the call of duty to provide exceptional care and support.

"We have some new award categories this year so there are even more opportunities for you to nominate your special health hero. We look forward to hearing all about yours."

The seven categories are:

- Better Care
- Better Value
- Global Citizenship
- Volunteer
- Better Health
- Better Workplace
- Nursing

Detailed descriptions of each category can be found on our website – www.nhsggc.org.uk/chairmansawards alongside tips for completing the nomination form. You need to remember the judging panel might not have heard of the person or project you

are nominating - we need as much detail as possible to give your entry the best chance of winning.

Once again the winners will be announced at our Celebrating Success event later this year.

You can nominate by visiting: www.nhsggc.org.uk/chairmansawards The closing date is 31 July.

Mail service

Last year we posted over 470,000 items 1st class, spending almost £2.2m on postage. Sending our mail by 2nd class saves at least 13p a letter (depending on size & weight), potentially resulting in a £60,000 saving. We are asking staff to help us achieve this by only marking mail that is urgent 1st class - mail that must be with the recipient within 2-3 days.



All mail will be routinely sent by 2nd class post all franking machine should be set to 2nd class and our Whistl post will default to 2nd class.

When you're sending mail stop, think and mark your envelopes appropriately. By doing this simple task we can make a huge difference.

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