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Press Release: RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE AT THE NURSING TIMES AWARDS 2017

Katrina Sealey was announced as the deserving winner of the Rising star at the Nursing Times Awards 2017.

In a glittering ceremony held at the prestigious Grosvenor House, Park Lane on Thursday 2 November, nurses and health organisations from across the health care profession were honoured across 23 categories in a night of recognition dedicated to celebrating exceptional achievement.

Following a rigorous judging process, Katrina Sealey emerged as the winner of the **Rising star** category for her work as a school nurse, who has a positive influence on the profession and demonstrates exceptional qualities that embody the best of nursing and the leadership skills to inspire others to follow her example.

Katrina is a School Staff Nurse and works within the 0-19 team and supports schools in Epsom, Ewell and Banstead.

Katrina said: "Winning the Rising Star award was a wonderful surprise and I had an amazing night!"

Interim Director of Children and Family Health Surrey, Sarah Baker congratulated Katrina on her award win and said: "This is a magnificent achievement and recognition of Katrina's commitment to School Nursing.

"I am delighted that one of our School Nurses won such a prestigious award, amongst fierce competition from the other high calibre entries. Katrina is a great example of what can be achieved with hard work, passion and dedication in your chosen profession".

Editor of Nursing Times and the host of the awards, Jenni Middleton, said:

"This was a very special Nursing Times Awards. Nursing is not just about some of the high-profile images of the profession you see in the media, such as the life-saving work of theatre nurses and the emergency and critical care provided by A&E nurses. It's also about nurses helping to prevent ill-health, managing long-term conditions and supporting the most vulnerable people in our society to live independently and as they would wish.

"The Nursing Times Awards shine a light on these areas of the profession that we don't see as much in the media. But sometimes, nursing is about rescue – and this year as well as our awards for the clinical specialities, teams and individuals who are pioneers in their fields, we have honoured the 11 trusts involved in providing a response to the London and Manchester terror attacks this year. These nurses have shown the NHS at its very best, and it is right we pay tribute to their bravery and dedication in caring for the victims of those attacks and their families. We are proud to offer those 11 trusts each a Special Recognition Award."

Following their 27th year, the Nursing Times Awards are the most respected and relevant awards in the nursing and healthcare sector, representing true excellence in nursing and patient care.

Discover more about the Nursing Times Awards 2017 at awards.nursingtimes.net.

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Notes to Editors:

[Find the complete winners list here](#)

CSH Surrey is one of three NHS partners that provide the Children and Family Health Surrey service. The other two partners are First Community Health and Care, and Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Together, we provide one Surrey-wide community health service for children and young people from 0 to 19 years of age (up to 25 years for young adults with additional needs) and their families and carers.

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