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RUH Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist wins national award in recognition of great care

RUH Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Miranda Benney has received a national award in recognition of her work.

Miranda has been a Macmillan Nurse for over fourteen years, working as part of the RUH Urology team as a Macmillan Uro-Oncology CNS. Her role involves working very closely with men going through treatment for prostate cancer – ensuring they receive the information and the support that they need throughout their illness and treatment. Another part of Miranda's role is identifying ways of improving the pathway for patients with prostate cancer in order to make the whole experience less daunting – and it is her driving passion for making things 'work better' that has seen Miranda singled out for a Macmillan Professionals Excellence Award.

The Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding contribution Macmillan professionals make to cancer services. The award for Service Improvement Excellence is awarded to individuals who have made tangible improvements to the services offered to people affected by cancer and is presented to a maximum of three individuals each year – of which Miranda is one.

She received the honour in front of a packed auditorium at The Hilton Metropole Hotel in Birmingham on Thursday 13 November.

Speaking of how it felt to have received the prestigious award, **Miranda Benney** said:
"I am so very fortunate to work with such a lovely team. We work very closely to constantly find ways to improve the experience for patients.

"I do this job because I love it. It may be challenging, it may be tough sometimes, but it's inspiring work and it feels wonderful to be acknowledged in this way."

Caroline Gilleece, Cancer Lead Nurse and Matron for Oncology nominated Miranda for the award. She said:

"Miranda has been instrumental in helping to redesign the patient pathway to make it more streamlined and, as a result, more convenient for patients undergoing treatment. She has worked on a local and national level to develop a 'remote follow-up' programme – which means stable and successfully-treated patients can be monitored from home, reducing the time they have to spend in hospital during their recovery.

"Her primary focus is her patients and their carers. I am delighted that her hard work and tenacity have been recognised by her winning this award."

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Notes for editors:

- Macmillan is a UK-based charity that provides support and services for people with cancer. Macmillan's ambition is to reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer and to inspire millions of others to do the same. Visit the Macmillan website: www.macmillan.org.uk
- For more information about the Macmillan Professional Excellence Awards, visit: <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Aboutus/Healthandsocialcareprofessionals/Networking/Macmillanprofessionalsawards/MacmillanProfessionalsAwards.aspx>