**Birmingham City University**

**Health & Social Care Awards**

**Guidelines for Award Nominations**

**Introduction**

The Faculty’s annual Health & Social Care Awards Event is an opportunity to celebrate and recognise achievements within the Faculty over the past academic year. Such recognition will be considered in three distinct areas:

* Student Award
* Student Practice Award
* Practice Awards
* Student Nominated Practice Award
* Placement Nominated Practice Award
* The Dean’s Award

Full details of the proposed nomination must be properly identified to the panel through the completion of standard nomination form. This must provide sufficient information for the panel to make an informed decision.

A final awards list will be published prior to the Health & Social Care Awards Event.

Nominations should be submitted electronically to HealthCare-Awards@bcu.ac.uk, please make the subject heading of your email ‘Health & Social Care Awards’ and they must be received no later than **Friday 19th May 2017.**

**Student Awards**

* **Student Practice Award- Nominations from BCU staff and practice staff only.**

Nominations may be considered, for example, in relation to any of the following criteria:

* A student who has shown significant improvement over the programme of study and practice.
* A student who has been notable for their attitude and approach towards learning.
* A student who has distinguished his/her self within the local community, reflecting favourably as a student of the university.
* Outstanding commitment to the creation and maintenance of a positive learning environment.
* Demonstrate of significant initiative and innovation in student support.

**Practice Awards**

* **Student Nominated Practice Award- Nominations from students only.**

Nominations are accepted for any practice area that has been active in supporting Faculty students within the last academic year. This may be a ward, department, team or individual practitioner, as appropriate to the practice learning environment.

Nominations are accepted from any student currently enrolled on a Faculty of Health course which includes an element of practice.

Those nominating a particular practice learning environment might, for example, consider:

* Its notable contribution to the achievement of student learning outcomes.
* Outstanding commitment to the creation and maintenance of a positive learning environment.
* Demonstrate of significant initiative and innovation in student support.
* **Placement Nominated Practice Award- Nominations from BCU staff, Trust and Agency staff only.**

Nominations are accepted for any practice area that has been active in supporting Faculty students within the last academic year. This may be a ward, department, team or individual practitioner, as appropriate to the practice learning environment.

Nominations are accepted from any member of staff who has direct responsibility for the coordination, monitoring or support of placements, and should be directly based upon the feedback from, and evaluation of, learning environments.

Student satisfaction should **not** be the key indicator for the identification of nominations but, rather, wider aspects of the practice area’s involvement in supporting learners would be greater importance. Those nominating a particular practice learning environment might, for example, consider:

* Its notable contribution to the achievement of student learning outcomes.
* Outstanding commitment to the creation and maintenance of a positive learning environment.
* Demonstrate of significant initiative and innovation in student support.

**The Dean’s Award**

This award is aimed at recognising any member of staff working within or for the Faculty who the Dean considers has made a notable contribution to the overall student experience, Faculty life or performance.

Anyone wishing to make a nomination for the Dean’s Award can do so using the form provided.