

Day Care Centre of the Year

The Day Care Centre of the Year will be judged upon each applicant's 1000 word entry statement.

This category will be judged upon the most innovative and active centre to date, how they have transformed their operations to cater for their community's needs, the centre's visitor feedback, staff training and coordination, regulatory compliance and your excellence in this area.

Pictures, research findings, funding management, fundraising ideas introduced and videos will help each application.

Heading	Details Required
1. Summary	In no more than 250 words, summarise why your Day Care Centre deserves to win this award in 2019.
2. Innovation	Applicants will need to show examples of how the Day Care Centre in question has shown they have transformed their operations to cater for the community's needs.
3. Staff Training & Co-ordination	Information on the team's effectiveness in their work, how well they work together, how teams are carefully chosen for successful collaboration and their ability to adapt and respond to changing conditions will strengthen your application.
4. Compliance	Applicants will need to show how they meet regulatory standards and compliance. It is important that each applicant provides information on compliance systems put in place to ensure and display cooperation with current standards / regulations (Example - HIQA standards) or similar where applicable.
5. Community	What positive effects has the Centre had on the surrounding community?
6. Plans going forward	Applicants must show their plans going forward to further enhance their services for growing community demands and upcoming generations.
7. Service User Feedback	Please give details of service user feedback to strengthen your application

Essential tips for a successful entry

- A successful application must address all of the points above. Marks will be allocated only on the evidence provided.
- Use the above headings shown to highlight your answers to those specific questions.
- Include information on your exceptional successes during the year such as business systems, innovations or techniques that have reaped significant benefits. Concentrate on facts that can be substantiated.
- 4 extra pages (in addition to the original 1000 words) of charts and photographs, which are particularly important for the judges to be able to see your successes or innovations, can be included.
- Don't underestimate the presentation! - the better impression you make with the judges could improve your chances in a tight race. Please remember that **ONLY THE FIRST 1000** words of core information (and the 4 pages of visuals/photographs of supporting material that you may have provided as an appendix) of your submission will be assessed.