

Mental Health Centre of the Year

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

Please include as much supporting documentation as possible to strengthen your application.

Heading	Details Required
1. Summary	In no more than 250 words, summarise why your Mental Health Centre deserves to win this award in 2019.
2. Patient Environment	Judges will look for innovative approaches to working with patients in the mental health field and will examine upgrades made to your facilities to cater for better patient care, medication management, security management and new security features implemented.
3. Staff Training & Co-ordination	Applicants are also encouraged to provide information on how staff are trained and what continual training methods/courses are used, patient feedback and patient success stories.
4. Compliance	It is important that each applicant provides information on regulatory compliance systems put in place to ensure and display cooperation with current standards and regulations including HIQA or other relevant standards relevant to your service.
5. Plans going forward	Applicants must show their plans going forward to further enhance their services for growing community demands and upcoming generations.
6. 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.