

Specialist Care Centre of the Year

The Specialist care centre of the year will be judged upon each applicant's 1000 word entry statement.

This category will be judged on an applicant's ability to display how their centre is leading in their area of expertise. Details of specific care offered is essential, as well as how staff are selected and trained to deal with these areas. Training, patient care methods, health & safety and regulatory compliance will also be assessed and we encourage applicants to provide as much evidence as possible in these areas.

Pictures, research findings, future growth / expansion plans, funding management and videos will help each application.

Heading	Details Required
1. Summary	In no more than 250 words, summarise why your Specialist Care Centre deserves to win this award in 2019.
2. Expertise in your area	Applicants will need to show examples of how their centre is leading in their area of expertise. They will also be judged on the specialist care they provide.
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. Details of specific care offered is essential and how staff are selected and trained to deal with these areas.
4. Compliance	Applicants will need to show how they meet regulatory standards and best practice. 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	Please also provide information on how your specialist care centre makes a difference to 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.