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Sheffield nurse honoured in annual celebration of community nursing

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Nursing charity The Queen's Nursing Institute has named Tim Devey as one of just five nurses from across the country to receive the prestigious Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Award for Outstanding Service.

The presentations were made by Baroness Julia Cumberlege at the charity's annual Awards Ceremony held at the Café Royal in London on 12 June in front of an invited audience of 120 people.

Mr Tim Devey is a Specialist Primary Care Outreach Nurse working for the Homeless Assessment and Support Service in Sheffield.



He runs drop-in clinics for homeless people across the city in a whole range of settings including soup kitchens, squats and a needle exchange van. He has delivered excellent patient care to a group of people with complex needs, many of whom are IV drug users; he has expanded the services available to include sexual health screening, blood borne virus screening, vaccination, treatment of minor illness and wound dressing.

His special interest is in managing venous leg ulcers, and by introducing compression bandage therapy, he has healed ulcers that had been unsuccessfully treated over many years.

As a nurse prescriber, Mr Devey has made a huge impact in health promotion and the prevention of hospital admissions. Together with two part-time colleagues, he has delivered over 1600 consultations in the past year.

Mr Devey's nominator said: "Homeless and vulnerable people in Sheffield have daily access to the best healthcare due to Tim's enthusiasm and skill".

Director of the QNI Rosemary Cook said, "The Outstanding Service Award gives national recognition to a very special nurse who through professional skill and hard work has made a tremendous difference to people's lives."

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