

Queen's Nurse award for dementia palliative care nurse

Morejoy Saineti, a dementia palliative care nurse specialist employed by Housing 21 has successfully achieved the title of Queen's Nurse. The prestigious honorary title, which is awarded by the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI), recognises an individual's commitment to improving standards of patient care, learning and leadership.

The accolade is a well-deserved achievement for Morejoy, who has been employed by Housing 21 since 2008 providing community-based end of life care services for people with dementia in Westminster. Morejoy acts as an educator, expert practitioner, advocate and facilitator.

Commenting on achieving the title, Morejoy Saineti said: "I am delighted to have received the title of Queen's Nurse. I do feel passionate about improving the standard of care for people with dementia as they near the end of their lives and am proud of the positive feedback, from both clients and professionals."

To be successful, Morejoy had to complete a written application to the Queen's Nursing Institute, a registered charity dedicated to improving the nursing care of people in their own homes. This included evidence about her professional career and training as well as an essay on improving patient care. Testimonies from patients, colleagues and other professionals in the health and social care sector were also taken into consideration.

Stacey Holloway, Locality Manager for Housing 21, added: "Morejoy is an aspiring role model to her peers and professional colleagues. She shows dignity, integrity and compassion whilst delivering high quality care and we are thrilled that she has been recognised with this title."

The title of Queen's Nurse (QN) was reintroduced in 2006 to help promote high standards of community nursing. Today Queen's Nurses include district nurses, nurses in GPs practices, school nurses and others who want to develop their skills. Nurses who hold the title benefit from developmental workshops, bursaries, networking and other opportunities.

When Morejoy began her role, bringing specialist dementia palliative nursing into the community team was a new way of delivering services, but the initiative has been so successful that Housing 21 has now expanded the service into other areas across the country.

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