

NATIONAL HONOURS: COLLEGE PROCEDURES

The College has established an Honours Committee, chaired by Professor Hamid Ghodse, which endeavours to increase the number of national honours awarded, both to psychiatrists and other individuals who have made a significant contribution to mental health.

The Cabinet Office has a very useful website describing the procedure for nominations and this can be downloaded at www.honours.gov.uk/nominate

It confirms that honours are for people who:

- Have changed things, with an emphasis on achievement
- Have delivered in a way that has brought distinction
- Exemplify the best sustained and selfless voluntary service
- Have demonstrated innovation and entrepreneurship
- Carry the respect of their peers
- Have shown sustained achievement against the odds requiring moral courage

If College members would like to nominate a psychiatrist or another individual who has made a significant contribution to mental health they should send a letter, which need be no longer than a sheet of A4, explaining why the College should support the nomination.

This letter should be accompanied by a completed nomination form which can be downloaded from the Cabinet Office's website at www.honours.gov.uk/nominate so that if the nomination is accepted by the Honours Committee this can be submitted formally by the College. Completed nomination forms, together with a citation, should be forwarded to Professor Hamid Ghodse, c/o Mrs. Vanessa Cameron, Chief Executive.

The Honours Committee will regularly consider nominations and applications can be submitted at anytime during the year.

Vanessa Cameron
Chief Executive

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