

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

This month is full of chances to be recognised for your work and get ahead. Here's a round-up...

MAKE IT COUNT

Conference sessions
There's still some time this month to submit an abstract for the Unite-CPHVA Annual Professional Conference 2019. Successful submissions will be included in the two-day conference programme. But you need to be quick! The **entry deadline is 18 April 2019**. To submit your abstract, to book your place and for

further information, find all the details at cphvaconference.co.uk

Mary Seacole

Individual health visitors, nurses and midwives in England... you have this month and some of next, to apply to the Mary Seacole Awards 2019-20. Funded by Health Education England,

the awards provide the chance for individuals to be recognised for their outstanding work in the black and minority ethnic (BME) community. The **deadline for entries is 24 May 2019**. To apply and for details, see nhsemployers.org/maryseacole

A SPECIAL INVITE

Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity is inviting NHS trusts to apply for up to five Roald Dahl Specialist Transition Nursing posts. These posts will be funded by the charity to address the growing need for support as children with serious illness move from paediatric to adult healthcare services.

The charity has already established four nursing posts in this area, across different NHS trusts and will continue to develop transition services as part of its strategy to lead the way in facilitating these roles, in partnership

with the NHS.

The posts aim to fill the gap in transition of care provision and will improve health outcomes for children and young people with chronic life-long conditions which can be hard to treat or cure. The charity will work closely with the given NHS trust to ensure the appointed applicant(s) bring about real change for the families.

► **For details and to apply, contact the charity's head of programmes, Sophie Dziwinski on 01494 890465; or at transition@roalddahlcharity.org**

SAY HELLO ON SOCIAL

The CPHVA Education and Development Trust has a new Twitter account [@cphvaeddevtrust](https://twitter.com/cphvaeddevtrust). The trust oversees a bequest by the late Dr Ian MacQueen medical officer of health for Aberdeen. A number of awards and bursaries are awarded annually (see opposite for its 20th anniversary awards). The Twitter account is run by trustee Angela Lewis. Contact her at macqueentrustee@outlook.com



To give any feedback on the journal, or to talk about your work projects or achievements, email aviva@communitypractitioner.co.uk, tweet us [@CommPrac](https://twitter.com/CommPrac), or reach us on facebook.com/CommPrac



FULLY PREPARED

A survey of frontline community midwives found that 35% bought their home-birth bag themselves, and 40% said their bag didn't meet all their needs. The survey was carried out by charity, Baby Lifeline (babylifeline.org.uk).

The charity, who provides training for maternity healthcare professionals, have responded by developing a bag with adjustable straps and wheels. It's colour-coded and includes everything from scissors and towels to equipment for emergencies. They're working closely with community midwifery teams from six NHS trusts to trial the bags. 'We've also developed the right processes to make sure the contents are replenished and kept up to date,' says founder Judy Ledger.



THE BIG REVEAL!

You've kindly been filling out the *Community Practitioner* readership survey 2019 and we're now analysing the results. Look out next issue for the breakdown of the main findings.



CPHVA Education and Development Trust

MACQUEEN 20th ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

It is an amazing 20 years since the CPHVA Education and Development Trust was established following a bequest by Dr Ian MacQueen.

The MacQueen awards are designed to support practice development across all aspects of public health undertaken by members of the CPHVA.

To mark this special milestone, the CPHVA Education and Development Trust is funding four additional awards this year.

There will be four awards of £500 to individuals or teams, together with up to two paid-for places (per winning team) for CPHVA members at this year's Unite-CPHVA Annual

Professional Conference 2019 in Harrogate on 16 and 17 October. The purpose of these awards is to celebrate the excellent public health practice that members of CPHVA deliver in each of the four countries of the UK. To this end, there will be one award for each country.

DO YOU KNOW OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM THAT:

- Have made a difference to families and children
- Gone over and above what is expected in their role
- Represent the best of community health practice?

NOMINATION PROCESS

Anyone can nominate a team or individual providing the main nominee is a member of the CPHVA.

We require a maximum of 500 words on the following: **Why do these practitioners deserve special recognition for their work?**

Nominations forms can be download from cphvaeddevtrust.wordpress.com or email CPHVA trustees at macqueentrustee@outlook.com

The closing date is **31 May 2019**.

