



Specialist Care Centre of the Year

The Specialist Care Centre of the Year will be judged upon each applicant's entry (2000 words max).

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.

Please include supporting documentation (visuals, photos, charts, etc) to help strengthen your application.

1. Summary	In no more than 250 words, summarise why your healthcare centre deserves to win this award.
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.
4. Compliance	Applicants will need to show how they meet regulatory standards and compliance. 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	What positive effects has the Centre had on 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 try to address all of the points below. Marks will be allocated only on the evidence provided.

Use the headings shown to highlight your answers to those specific questions. Include information on your exceptional successes during the year such as systems, innovations or techniques that have reaped significant benefits.

Concentrate on facts that can be substantiated. Attachments can be included, which are particularly important for the judges to be able to see your successes or innovations.

Please remember that ONLY THE FIRST 2000 words of core information (and supporting material that you may have provided) of your submission will be assessed