



Day Care Centre of the Year

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

Please note that your document should be a **MINIMUM** of 1,000 words and **Maximum** 2,000 words. You may include attachments (visuals, photos, charts, etc) that you think would help your application.

Applications should be submitted by 2.00pm February 13th, 2026

Summary	In no more than 250 words summarise why your organisation deserves to win this award.
Innovation	Give examples of how the Day Care Centre has shown they have transformed their operations to cater for the community's needs.
Staff Co-ordination	Provide 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.
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.
Community	What positive effects has the Centre had on the surrounding community?
Plans going forward	Show your plans for going forward to further enhance their services for growing community demands and upcoming generations.
Service User Feedback	Analysis of service user surveys/reviews/feedback forms.

Essential tips for a successful entry

A successful application must try to address all of the points above. 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. Attachment size 10MB max per upload (3 uploads available). If you require more space, please email us at info@irishhealthcarecentreawards.com

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