Experiences of emotional trauma can lead to poorer physical health. Trauma can originate from childhood experiences, domestic violence, being a refugee, or military service. Very often people who are homeless have experienced some kind of psychological trauma earlier in their life. Hence, it is extremely important that healthcare professionals have some knowledge of this process, if they are to offer holistic care to people.

The forthcoming Queen’s Nursing Institute’s (QNI) event about managing psychological trauma in health care will explore the range of emotional and psychological trauma that patients can experience as a result of war, torture, homelessness, and adverse childhood experiences. The speakers will try to address two key questions;

- How can healthcare professionals respond sensitively to underlying trauma?
- How can healthcare professionals look after themselves when working with trauma?

Although the event is fully subscribed, information about it, including speaker presentations, will be published on the QNI website afterwards.

**PROJECT FUNDING**

The QNI’s ‘Homeless Health Programme’ also has a new funding stream for community nurses who want to develop practical projects that help their patients. Each project will benefit from up to £5,000 and be able to take advantage of a year-long professional development programme with the support of QNI staff.

As well as people who are homeless, the funding is able to support projects that improve care for people in prison, refugees, people with drug and alcohol addiction, travellers and sex workers.

For more information, visit: www.qni.org.uk/explore-qni/nurse-led-projects/homeless-health/.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The QNI offers a range of financial assistance to community nurses. We also help retired nurses who have worked in community roles.

For example, we help nurses who are going through periods of physical or mental illness, trying to escape domestic abuse, or experiencing other life crises, such as eviction, family health problems, marriage breakdown or bereavement, and look at every case on an individual basis.

We also offer small educational grants for community nurses who are looking to undertake qualifications that will help with their career.

To find out more, contact the QNI on: 020 7549 1400 or visit: www.qni.org.uk/help-for-nurses/
How to enter

You will be asked to submit a written statement of 500–600 words, considering the questions below, to support why you feel this nurse/team has made an outstanding contribution to wound care practice.

- What exceptional impact has their practice/care had on their colleagues and/or patients?
- What specific initiative have they instigated that has made a real difference to patient lives?
- Is there any one patient episode that stands out as exceptional practice in challenging circumstances?
- How has this contribution affected patient care?
- How has this contributed to tissue viability nursing overall?
- Is there any evidence to support the entry (national guidelines, literature, etc).

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Nominate yourself, colleagues or team to celebrate achievements in wound prevention and management in the community

Do you know anyone who is making a real difference to patients’ wound care in your area? Maybe you are proud of something you have achieved and feel others could benefit from sharing this experience?

Outstanding Practice in Wound Care Award

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