



Re: **QNI International Community Nurse of the Year Award**

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London, United Kingdom. The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) confers its first International Community Nurse of the Year Award to Philippine Nurse Dennis Singson.

The QNI has recently created a new Award - supported by NHS England and NHS Improvement - to recognise Internationally Educated Nurses working in community settings in England. All Internationally Educated Nurses who have worked in any health or social care setting in the community in England for 1 to 3 years were eligible for nomination by their employers. The Award winner was chosen by a panel comprised of Internationally Educated Nurses working at a senior level in England, and an independent patient representative.

At the awards night delivered virtually on 13-December 2021, Dennis Singson was awarded the Institute's first International Community Nurse of the Year for his exemplary work in the community. The nomination citation for his award reads as: "Dennis' impact on patient care has been profound. The primary care team defer to him for management ideas for complex patients. Serving a deprived population with hectic lifestyles, Dennis' relaxed yet firm communication skills have provided a constant readily available source of information and care to our patients and when appropriate their carers. Always calm and reassuring, he makes thorough assessments of risk and safety and provides patients with dependable safety plans. Leading by example, Dennis is reliable, straightforward and diplomatic."

Dennis Singson is an Advanced Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Station Practice GP Surgery in Hastings. He has coordinated the development of a mental health hub consisting

of a GP and a clinical pharmacist and upskilled colleagues throughout the practice to improve the care of people with anxiety, depression and eating disorders. His work has seen the reduction of anti-depressant prescribing and referral to secondary services.

Singson's dedication to his clinical work and improving patient care is commendable and unmatched. He was also a finalist to the 2021 RCN Clinical Excellence for Nursing, and a 2018 BAME Windrush Awardee. He is also currently the interim Vice-chair of the Philippine Nurses Association of UK. (report by M.Duque)