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### Royal recognition

A nurse working for The Dudley Group has been crowned a Queen's Nurse by a community nursing charity.

District nurse Kate Owen has been given the title by The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) for her commitment and high standards of patient care, learning and leadership.

Kate, who is the team leader for the Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) and oncology outreach service, was presented with a badge and certificate by Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer for England, at a ceremony at the Royal Garden Hotel in London.

Denise McMahon, Director of Nursing, congratulated Kate on her achievement, "Kate is a wonderful nurse who works tirelessly and always puts her patients first so this award is well deserved.

"Her work on the Trust's OPAT project really has been invaluable to the service and has helped to improve the care we can offer patients in their own homes and out in the community."

Crystal Oldman, Chief Executive of the QNI, said, 'Congratulations are due to Kate for her success. Community nurses operate in an ever more challenging world and our role is to support them as effectively as we can. The QN title is a key part of this and we would encourage other community nurses to apply.'



Kate Owen receiving her Queen's Nurse award from Jane Cummings