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Patron
Her Majesty The Queen

To the Chairs of all CSP Professional Networks
and Alliances

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Dear Chair

You may be aware that the Chartered Society has a Professional Awards Committee which deals with Fellowships and Distinguished Service awards, and also a subgroup which considers the development of applications for national honours, e.g. MBEs, OBEs etc.

Over the years the Allied Health Professions have had a very low profile in terms of national awards considering the membership of 50,000 which exists within the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy alone. Those of you who have looked at the national award lists in the newspapers will be aware that there are quite a large number of nurses and members of the medical profession who receive these awards.

As Chairs of the Professional Awards Committee and the National Awards subgroup, therefore, we would like to invite you to consider your colleagues locally and at regional level, as well as at national level, and see if there are any individuals that you feel would be worthy of either a Fellowship or a national award. All these awards are made on the basis of individuals working over and above their normal professional remit, therefore awards are not necessarily given for hard work, but for work and activities which go that extra mile.

National honours are awarded to individuals who have made a difference to their community in the broadest sense of the word, and these can range from MBEs through to OBEs and Knighthoods.

Consequently we would ask you to carefully consider if there are any members of the profession who you would see as appropriate for one of the national awards or for a CSP Fellowship.

If this is the case, if you can collect some information (for example, a CV and brief statements from individuals who are cognisant of the work and activities that they do and the impact that these activities have), make a brief case for nomination, and then forward this to the Professional Awards administrator, Pat

Olver, at the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (olverp@csp.org.uk), that would be extremely helpful.

We know that we have a large number of individuals in the physiotherapy profession who are worthy of such awards, but also that many of us are unaware of the substantial contribution that these individuals may make, whether it is in higher education, in clinical practice, in management, private practice or in the local community.

It would be very pleasing if we were to find ourselves inundated with suggestions for these awards.

In sending out this communication, can I ask you to bear in mind that the possibility of an application should remain confidential from the proposed nominee, as particularly for the national awards there is no guarantee that an award will be made even with an exceptional application, and this can result in significant disappointment if the individual thinks that a nomination will come to fruition.

We do hope you feel able to put forward some suggestions, and look forward to receiving them in due course.

If you have any queries about these awards, please don't hesitate to contact either of us via the CSP:

- Re national awards: Ann Moore
- Re CSP Fellowships and Distinguished Service Awards: Ann Thomson.

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

All good wishes,

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