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## **PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE**

Sharon Eustice, Nurse Consultant for Continence at Peninsula Community Health, has won Continence Nurse of the Year at the prestigious British Journal of Nursing (BJN) Awards.

The BJN Awards looks to promote evidence-based practice, innovation, leadership and clinical excellence, as well as acknowledging the enormous contributions given by individual nurses all over the Country.

At a glittering awards ceremony at Shakespeare's Underglobe in London, Sharon was given national recognition for her work on the Femmeze®, which is an innovative new tool which offers a simple solution to self-managing vaginal prolapse.

Available on amazon.co.uk and through the NHS Supply Chain, the Femmeze® replaces the need to use fingers and is a simple design to help reposition the prolapse temporarily so that stools is passed more easily. The product can be reused following simple washing instructions and is a fantastic option for women where surgical repair of their prolapse is not an option or if they are waiting for surgery.

Following a staff nursing role in secondary care in the late 80's, Sharon qualified as a district nurse and nurse practitioner. Over the years she undertook various roles, but eventually found herself holding the position of Chair of the Association for Continence Advice and Nurse Consultant for Bladder and Bowel at Peninsula Community Health.

**Sharon commented on her win:** "I am absolutely amazed to have won this award - it took me completely by surprise. I felt honoured enough to have been short listed! To win this is a reflection on the fabulous support from my team, the women who have provided valuable feedback, Peninsula Community Health for enabling me to fulfil my dedication to this particular piece of work (Femmeze), MDTi and all the people from the NHS who have helped over the years. Thank you."

### **Chief Executive, Steve Jenkin, said:**

"Congratulations to Sharon on being recognised as Continence Nurse of the Year at the BJN Awards. Sharon demonstrates clinical excellence and innovation daily at Peninsula Community Health and we are delighted her skills have been nationally recognised. Her passion for patient focussed care has helped many people over the years and this award is well deserved."

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**CAPTION**

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**Notes for editors:**

- Peninsula Community Health, a not-for-profit community interest company, is the provider of community-based health services to adults in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and provides NHS services through Community Hospitals, Minor Injuries Units and Community Nursing Teams.
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