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## **KAMILA RZEPKA FROM CULDUTHEL CARE HOME, INVERNESS, ANNOUNCED AS WINNER AT SCOTTISH CARE AWARDS 2020**

Kamila Rzepka has been recognised as one of the leading care home employees in Scotland at a prestigious evening awards ceremony celebrating the contribution of care home staff before and during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Staff Nurse at Culduthel Care Home won the ***Nurse of the Year Award*** at the Scottish Care Awards 2020. This award will be presented to an outstanding individual who represents effective nursing practice within the care home environment.

Kamila was announced as the winner of the ***Nurse of the Year Award*** at an online Awards Ceremony hosted by presenter, columnist and Pop Idol winner, Michelle McManus and Scottish Care CEO, Dr Donald Macaskill on Friday 14 May 2021.

**Kamila was delighted to have been recognised and said:**

*“I am very surprised but thrilled and honoured to be chosen as a winner in these prestigious awards.”*

**Ishabel Lindsay, a colleague who nominated Kamila said:**

*“Dedication is what Kamila is known for. She works incredibly hard to ensure that her residents are cared for as much as possible. She is a wonderful patient advocate and always strives to get the best outcome for residents, which is not always the easiest outcome to achieve.”*

*Kamila has played a vital part in keeping the residents in her care safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has worked closely with management and implemented steps to keep everyone safe. She has patiently guided other staff with her knowledge which in turn has helped the home remain virus free thus far.”*

The past year has been difficult for everyone, but it has been especially difficult for our care homes as the Covid-19 virus has presented a particular threat to the lives of residents and staff in care homes for adults.

Yet throughout this time, the dedication and professionalism of staff in supporting residents, families and each other has been exceptional. Care home staff have demonstrated resilience whilst adapting to the challenges of Covid-19. The care home response to Covid-19 has involved new innovative activity, unprecedented collaboration and people going above and beyond the call of duty.

The Care Home Awards was therefore an important opportunity to recognise best practice and all the excellent work within the care home sector. It was an opportunity to say thank you and express our gratitude to all the individuals who make up the care home workforce.

The awards have been hailed a huge success in recognising individuals, teams and companies, who are delivering care at an incredibly high standard in challenging period and within an increasingly demanding work environment.

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