



# Evening Echo

## Time to celebrate your angels of Mercy

THE vital role played by Mercy University Hospital staff in providing world-class care and treatment to people from all over Munster is to be recognised in a new initiative. The Mercy Stars Awards, developed by the Mercy University Hospital Foundation, will offer patients and their families as well as staff in the hospital an opportunity to nominate the people who have made a difference in their lives — nurses, doctors, porters, care attendants — any staff member at the Mercy who has played a role in their hospital experience, to

recognise them for their efforts for patients. Micheal Sheridan, CEO of the Mercy University Hospital Foundation said: "There are people in the Mercy who are invested in their jobs and who make a real difference in people's lives.

"The awards are a celebration of these individuals, the ones responsible for the Mercy University Hospital's care for patients and indeed their families in Munster.

"So not only are we asking peers, colleagues and managers to nominate individuals and teams, we're asking our patients and

their families and friends as well, to help us to make sure we recognise those who inspire others and deliver beyond expectations for our patients every day."

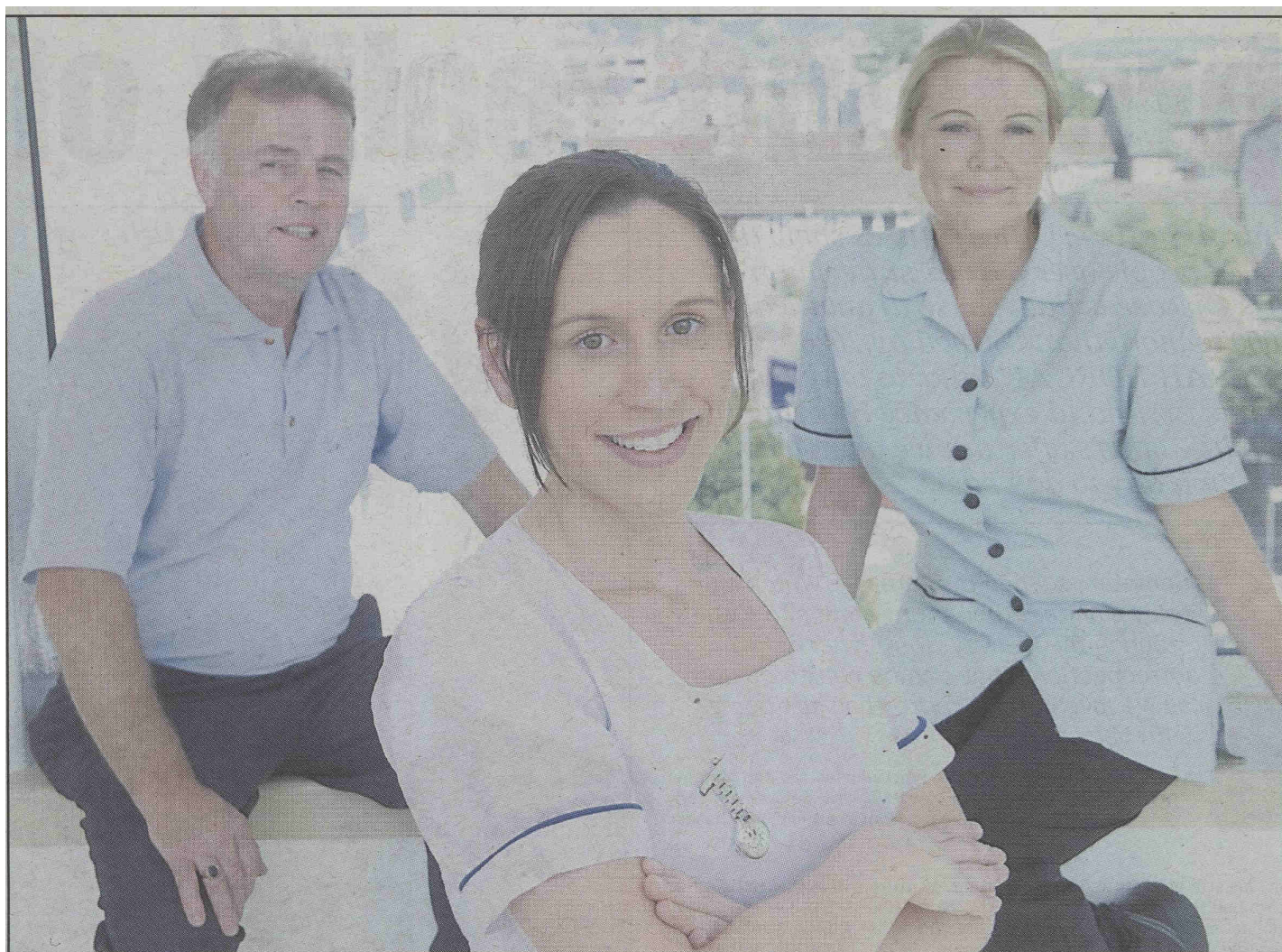
The people nominated will be great examples of dedication, leadership and innovation, role models of professionalism, courtesy, caring and compassion. The Mercy University Hospital Foundation has teamed up with Quintas and TOSHMedical to run the awards, and it is through their support that an awards night will be held in Cork City Gaol on Friday, September 6.

The awards ceremony is open to all and tickets are now available at the Mercy Foundation, priced at €50 with food and music. Nominate someone by visiting [www.mercyfundraising.ie/mercystars](http://www.mercyfundraising.ie/mercystars) and completing a nomination form for an individual or a team of people you feel deserves recognition. Paper nomination forms are also available throughout the hospital, in main reception or from the foundation office. Call the foundation office on (021) 4274076 for further information. The closing date for nominations is July 26.





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**Porter Gerard McCarthy, staff nurse Laura Forde and care assistant Helen Kelleher at the launch of the Mercy Stars Awards, which will celebrate the hospital's often unsung heroes.**

Picture: Gerard McCarthy