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## Hospital heroes to be recognised

A brand new awards scheme, the Mercy Stars Awards, has been launched in Cork. The awards offer patients and their families, as well as staff in the hospital, an opportunity to nominate the people who have made a difference to their lives. This can include anyone from nurses, doctors, porters and care attendants to any staff member at the Mercy who has played a role in their hospital experience.

The Mercy Foundation has teamed up with Quintas and TOSHMedical to run the awards, which will take place on 6 September at Cork City Gaol. The awards ceremony is open to all and tickets are available now through the Mercy Foundation and are priced at €50 each, which will include food and drinks.

Speaking on the awards Micheál Sheridan, CEO of the Mercy Foundation, said: "There are people in the Mercy Hospital from across the entire staff, who work tirelessly for



Micheál Sheridan, CEO of the Mercy Hospital Foundation

their patients, 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.

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"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."

Nominate someone by visiting 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 Mercy Foundation office on 021-4274076 for further information. The closing date for nominations is 26 July.