

HEALTH

Nurse in line for award over bid to beat cancer

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A nurse who has been at the forefront of promoting prostate cancer screening in Burton has been shortlisted for an award.

Sarah Minns, a urology advanced nurse practitioner at Queen's Hospital, Burton, is a finalist in the Nurse of the Year category run by the Nursing Times. Her nomination is for her work in raising awareness of male cancer.

It has proved to be a double celebration for the urology team, led by consultant surgeon Jyoti Shah, as it has also been nominated in the Cancer Nursing category.

The hospitals' urology

team has been at the forefront of promoting prostate cancer in the community, linking up with Burton Albion Football Club to host screening sessions.

Mrs Minns said: "It is a tremendous honour to be shortlisted – not just for myself but for the rest of the team as well. We are incredibly passionate about raising awareness of prostate cancer and hopefully this will help us to continue to encourage men to get checked out."

Miss Shah said: "The support we have had, particularly from Burton Albion Football Club, has been terrific and the response from the community has been phenomenal."

The winners of the 2017 Nursing Times Awards will be announced on Thursday, November 2.

The screening sessions, aimed at men aged 50 and older, is a new way of getting men to take the potentially life-saving test for prostate cancer by taking sessions into the community and directly to patients.

It has been backed by Championship side Burton Albion with screening taking place at the Pirelli Stadium, in Princess Way.

The unit is also aiming to encourage African Caribbean men to come forward to have the test as they are at a higher risk.

A screening talk will be held in the training room upstairs at the Burton Caribbean Association, in Uxbridge Street, from 7pm on Thursday, August 24, and former boxing star Neville Brown will be there to answer any questions.



Jyoti Shah, urological consultant at Queen's Hospital, and Sarah Minns, Macmillan urology advanced nurse practitioner, also at Queen's Hospital, have been nominated for awards in the Nursing Times.

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