The title for the Photographic Competition 2016-2017-2018 is “Values”. The theme is open to your personal interpretation but we’re looking for beautiful photographs that together will show off the huge range of colours you find in your everyday life, which, for you depicts the values of our Trust.

- Compassion in Action
- Respect for Everyone
- Working Together
- Seeking Excellence

The photos selected by the judges will appear in a calendar for 2018 sold in aid of a local charity (tbc). The overall winner of each season will be voted for by our panel of judges. The judges will also choose their favourite entry. You can enter up to three photos in total.

The closing date for entries for our winter competition, with the title “Compassion in Action” is midnight 28 February 2017.

The closing date for entries for our spring competition, with the title “Respect for Everyone” is midnight 31 May 2017.

The closing date for entries for our summer competition, with the title “Working Together” is midnight 31 August 2017.

The closing date for entries for our autumn competition, with the title “Seeking Excellence” is midnight 30 November 2017.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

The title for the Photographic Competition 2016-2017 is “Values”. The theme is open to your personal interpretation but we’re looking for beautiful photographs that together show off the huge range of colours you find in everyday life.

Photographs entered must be taken in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

Entrants can submit up to three photos in total as prints, in colour or black and white. Images must be at least as large as a standard postcard.
We are aware that digital photography does allow for some image enhancement. You can enter images that have had spots, scratches or other blemishes or minor features removed. You can have worked on the colour or enhance the image for the sake of the composition. You can also crop the image to improve composition.

We will not accept composite images - entries that stitch two or more separate photographs together to make one image, or entries that superimpose elements photographed separately onto an image.

We want you to stay faithful to the spirit of the competition, and never deceive the viewer or misrepresent the aspect of nature being portrayed. The judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.

The competition is open to UK residents only (including residents of the Channel Islands and Isle of Man). Entrants under the age of 16 years need to have parent or guardian consent to enter.

Entrants must not be professional photographers. For the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs.

Entrants must mark each photo with their name, address & contact telephone number (both daytime and evening).

Entries should be sent to: Staff Engagement, Windmill Point, Windmill Road, Coventry, CV6 7AT, or email staff.engagement@covwarkpt.nhs.uk.

The competition for Winter 2016/17 closes at midnight on Tuesday 28 February 2017. Entries received after this date will not be considered.

The Trust cannot accept any responsibility for any problem with the postal service which may result in any entry being lost or delayed. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.

Entries will not be returned so please remember to keep a copy. Unsuccessful entrants will not be contacted and no feedback on any entry will be provided.

All photographs will be judged on the following criteria:
• Composition
• Technical ability
• Originality

The photographs will be judged through the following process:

A judging panel comprised of staff and service users will review all entries and select the 12 best based on the above criteria. The panel will also select their overall favourite.

Each of the shortlisted entrants will be contacted by a member of the Staff Engagement team within a week of judging. The judging will take place within three weeks of the competition closing date.

The finalist of the winning photo each month may appear in work within the Trust, such as the Annual Report, CWPT Calendar, Intranet/Web etc.

The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.

All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured. Where an individual or a residential property, belonging to someone other than the photographer are featured, the photographer must seek permission and be prepared to provide written consent, if requested. Further, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.

We are looking for original photographs, so entries must not have won any national competition prize previously. For the purposes of this competition, ‘national’ refers to the whole of the UK, or to individual national competitions in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit to the Trust. Entrants whose photographs are one of the finalists also agree to take part in post-competition publicity. While we make every effort to credit photographers, including in printed reproductions of their work, we cannot guarantee that every use of the photographs will include the photographers' names, although we will provide attribution in these circumstances if specifically requested. Entrants must ensure that the photograph is not used to publicise or promote companies, individuals, organisations or causes.
By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and the Trust reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if the Trust has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules.

The Trust reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.

If the winner is unable to be contacted after reasonable attempts have been made, the Trust reserves the right to either offer the prize to a runner up, or to re-offer the prize in any future competition.

Please take your photos responsibly.

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