



British Association of Cosmetic Nurses

Press Release and News

I am delighted to announce that I have been formally appointed a 'Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2017 'For services to People with Disabilities and the community in Birmingham'.

This is an incredible privilege and honour for which I am truly grateful. I have spent over 35 years working in a voluntary capacity in Birmingham and the West Midlands with some wonderful groups and people.



I am particularly indebted to the amazing colleagues and service users I have met in the fields of visual impairment (I was Chair at Focus Birmingham and represented Birmingham Royal Institute for the Blind for 12 years), health (I am proud to be a Governor of University Hospital Birmingham where I received a life-saving liver transplant in 2013) and community development (I have chaired the Harborne Carnival Association since 2000 - 2nd largest community street carnival in the UK) and worked with hundreds of community groups in Birmingham since 1982 when I first arrived in the City from London).

Most recently I have been acting as the CEO of the British Association of Cosmetic Nurses (BACN) and have been working on the development of a new framework to regulate the aesthetic sector with patient safety as its number one objective.

'It was a huge surprise to be awarded the MBE and I hope that it will be seen as recognition of those vulnerable people in society that need our help and the countless people who on a daily basis give selflessly to improve their lives'.

Paul Burgess MBE, MBA, MA, BA (hons)