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Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport Shona Robison presented all the winners with their trophies at the gala dinner last week.

She told them: “One of the best bits about the job I do is being out and about seeing so many committed individuals, teams and services working very, very hard and I appreciate the work of every single one of you.

“It wouldn’t be possible to give an award to everybody in the health service but, in some ways, what we do tonight is to give an award to the best of the best while recognising that people are working tirelessly out there. I want to take the opportunity to thank all the partners because this event has been going on for a number of years but, every year, we never cease to be amazed by the range of nominations. There’s almost 300 this year, which is fantastic.

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EACH year, the Scottish Health Awards provide us with an important opportunity to recognise individuals and teams who are dedicated to the delivery of high-quality health and care services to the people of Scotland.

As the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, I often see first-hand the energy, commitment and compassion shown by ordinary people doing an extraordinary job working in our NHS and across our partner organisations.

The awards not only celebrate and recognise the contribution of those staff working in front-line health and social care positions but also those who work behind the scenes in support roles, which are crucial to the success of NHSScotland and its partners in the social care and third sectors.

Of the 296 nominations received across the 16 award categories, many were from patients and the public.

The quality of the nominations received demonstrates the affection that the people of Scotland have for those who deliver their health and care services.

All of the nominations contain examples of how individuals, teams and local NHS and care systems are working together with patients, families and carers in Scotland to provide compassionate and responsive health and care services.

I heartily congratulate the winners in each of the award categories for their dedication and the significant contribution they have made to improve the health and care services delivered to the people of Scotland.