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Dear Nick

Thank you so much for this kind honour.

I am delighted that the Society of Occupational Medicine has awarded me this honorary membership.

I would also like to pass on my congratulations to my fellow honouree, Dr Ivan Ivanov of the World Health Organisation. It was a shame I didn't have the pleasure to share the experience – downfall of technology not working!

Our professions have a long, shared history, and I continue to be proud of the ways in which we collaborate and share expertise to improve public health. Occupational health nurses are a critical part of the health care workforce, and I feel so pleased that we can continue to support and represent them together.

It was in fact an OH nurse who through discussion encouraged me to become a Nurse, so you are all also good recruiters into the Nursing profession.

The last few months have posed a significant test to ourselves and our colleagues.

Now more than ever, public health needs to be front and centre. As people work in different locations, for often longer hours and in times of increased stress and risk, the work we all do to safeguard their health is critical.

I look forward to continued collaboration as we move forward, improved education on workplace health and new innovations as a result of this brave new world we find ourselves in.

I am thrilled to be accepting this honour and thank you again.

Yours sincerely

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