

## Ruth Rendell Short Story Competition 2026

### Terms and conditions of entry:

- The length of each story must not exceed 1,000 words.
- Entrants can write in any genre.
- Entrants can submit multiple stories.
- The closing date for all entries is 5pm, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
- **Stories must be suitable to be read in the sensitive environment of a hospital setting.**
- A £15 entry fee is applicable to each story entered. Payment may be made by either via our JustGiving page (online entries) or cheque/postal order payable to: InterAct Stroke Support (postal entries). Please take note of our new address: **InterAct Stroke Support, Unit 303.3, Almond Studios, The Biscuit Factory, 100 Drummond Rd, London SE16 4DG**
- The winner of the Ruth Rendell Short Story Competition will receive £1,000 and will be commissioned to write four further short stories for InterAct Stroke Support over the course of one year.
- The competition is open to anyone, including non-UK applicants, over 16 years.
- Stories must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been published, self-published, published on any website, or public online forum or broadcast.
- Whilst the copyright of any story submitted to the Ruth Rendell Short Story Competition will remain with the author, the submission of a story is done with the understanding that InterAct has the right to copy, distribute and publish the story to support the charity's work.
- By entering this short story competition you're agreeing for InterAct Stroke Support to contact you with any future competition details and charity updates.

*Disclaimer: Due to the expected volume of entries, the charity is unable to offer individual feedback to entrants. The decision of the judges is final.*