LAUNCHING THE 2018 ADVANCING HEALTHCARE AWARDS

Media partner: The Guardian and its Healthcare Professionals Network

**KEY DATES**

Awards launch: September 2017
Closing date for entries: 17.00 January 19 2018
Judging day: February 26 2018, London
Awards lunch: April 20 2018, London
Our mission is to grow and sustain a prestigious UK-wide awards programme for allied health professionals, healthcare scientists and those who work alongside them in support roles, which reflects their contribution to high quality person-centred care and fosters awareness of their part in transforming health and social care.

We welcome entries in the following categories:

Awards open to both AHPs and healthcare scientists...

1. **The HEE/NIHR award for Research champions**
   Sponsored by Health Education England and the National Institute for Health Research
   
   This award is open to AHPs and healthcare scientists who are currently enrolled on or have recently completed an award within the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) programme or its predecessors. We are looking for people that can demonstrate how they are research champions – not only undertaking their own research projects but inspiring others to become involved and to increase research capacity.

2. **The NHS Employers award for outstanding achievement by an apprentice, support worker or technician working alongside an AHP or healthcare scientist**
   Sponsored by NHS Employers
   
   Open to apprentices, support workers, assistant practitioners, technicians, or others of a similar title working within an AHP or healthcare science team. We aim to recognise and encourage their contribution to improving patient outcomes by celebrating an individual or team that provide high quality, creative care which enhances the quality of life for the patient. Nominations are welcomed from the individual, their team or by a patient, service user or carer.

3. **The Welsh Government’s award for Prudent Healthcare**
   Reducing inappropriate variation using evidence-based practices consistently & transparently
   Sponsored by the Welsh Government
   
   Open to AHPs and healthcare scientists who are able demonstrate progress that they or their teams have made in reducing inappropriate variation using evidence-based practices. This is a cornerstone of the Prudent Healthcare agenda in Wales. The award will recognise progress that has been made either in healthcare science or therapies in addressing variation in a measurable way for the benefit of patients and the NHS.

Awards open to healthcare scientists only...

These awards are supported by the Academy for Healthcare Science.

4. **The CDL Rising Star award**
   Sponsored by Chamberlain Dunn Learning
   
   We invite you to nominate a colleague or member of staff who has shown a level of initiative, skill and commitment that is truly exceptional. You may nominate anyone who has been working as a qualified AHP or healthcare scientist for less than five years, and who you and others recognise as a star in the making.

5. **Viapath award for innovation in healthcare science**
   Sponsored by Viapath
   
   This award is about recognising and rewarding the vital contribution of science to healthcare delivery. We are looking for innovation that is sustainable, transferable and plays a demonstrable part in delivering service transformation. The judges will be looking for scientific initiatives which have delivered tangible improvements to healthcare provision. The benefits can be across a range of deliverables: the integration of services, accelerating diagnosis and treatment, the provision of greater patient control of their own care.

6. **The Scottish Government’s award for Driving improvement, delivering results**
   Sponsored by the Scottish Government
   
   Open to all healthcare scientists in Scotland who have demonstrated their expertise to drive improvement and maximise the contribution of healthcare science. The ambition is to deliver sustainable and coherent teams and services that promote the overall NHS Scotland’s ambitions of improving quality, safety and patient experiences of care.
Biomedical Scientist of the Year award
Sponsored by Health Services Laboratories (HSL)
This award celebrates an exceptional biomedical scientist who has used his or her skills and expertise to advance practice in an innovative and impactful way, making a real difference to patients’ lives and inspiring those around them. You may nominate yourself, a colleague, or suggest he or she nominates him or herself.
Open to all biomedical scientists within the UK, this award aims to showcase the diverse talents of those at the very top of their game.

IBMS award for Inspiring the biomedical workforce of the future
Sponsored by Institute of Biomedical Science
All those who play a part in inspiring biomedical scientists and biomedical support staff (clinical managers, department managers, educational supervisors and HR managers) are invited to nominate individuals or teams for this award. Our aim is to recognise and reward people committed to inspiring the next generation of biomedical scientists. We want to showcase the essential contribution that biomedical scientists make to attracting and developing a workforce which displays the behaviours and values that are needed to deliver professional care.

Awards open to AHPs only...

PHE and FPH award for contributions to public health
Sponsored by Public Health England & Faculty of Public Health
We seek to recognise allied health professionals who have demonstrated leadership and partnership working to deliver effective health improvement interventions at scale or with the potential to be used at scale.

The Scottish Government's award for improving quality: measuring and demonstrating impact
Sponsored by the Scottish Government
This award seeks to recognise AHPs who have transformed a service or services and in doing so can demonstrate an improved patient and staff experience. You need therefore to have had time to evaluate the innovation fully and to have modified the service appropriately. You should also be able to demonstrate that the transformed service is delivered in a way that improves the quality of patient care and must prove what you have achieved is sustainable.

The Guardian award for innovation in mental health services
Sponsored by The Guardian
This award, introduced last year, attracting a record number of entries from AHPs working with people who have mental health problems. We particularly welcomed the unconventional partnerships, the different settings and the creative approaches that AHPs demonstrated in their entries. This year, we invite more of the same – and different!

Chroma award for Realising potential through creativity
Sponsored by Chroma
This award aims to find and showcase AHPs working in the NHS, local government, the independent or third sectors, who use creative approaches, innovative ways of delivery, collaborative partnerships and cross-modal ways of working to engage patients in their own care and recovery. The award seeks to champion collaborative, compassionate and innovative AHPs, including arts therapists who exemplify these therapeutic approaches.

Entries must be submitted online via the website forms - go to AHPandHSawards.co.uk and follow the ENTER NOW links

Overall winner
The overall winner is chosen from the category winners
The awards aim to:

- Identify examples of good, innovative practice throughout the four countries of the UK which are evidence-based, sustainable and transferable.
- To help AHPs and healthcare scientists communicate their key role in transforming health and social care to their various audiences: colleagues, other healthcare professionals, leaders, commissioners, patients and users of services, politicians and the media.
- To develop the awards programme in reach and stature reflecting professional aspirations and political imperatives.
- To recognise and meet the expectations of the sponsoring and supporting organisations.

The programme comprises 14 awards plus the overall winner.

Judging criteria

Entries will be assessed and scored according to the criteria set out in the entry form for each award. For most awards, the judges are looking for:

- Measurable achievements
- Expected benefits (including cost-effectiveness/value for money)
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team-working
- Making a difference to patient/client care

But some awards ask for evidence of other achievements: check carefully for the award you are interested in. Your entry submission should address each of the questions on the online form. Your responses should be text only and not exceed the stated word limit. Shortlisting judges will score your entry on the basis of evidence provided in each section alone (appendices will not be considered).

Why enter?

RECOGNITION: ...from peers and colleagues of the good practice projects you and your team have delivered, perhaps ensuring continued funding or new development opportunities.

PROMOTE GOOD PRACTICE: Let us help get your good practice ideas spread to other health and social care providers, so others can learn from your challenges and achievements. We help you reach the media, professional press and other important forums.

A PERMANENT REMINDER: Win a stylish trophy and certificate for your workplace that reminds all your patients, colleagues and peers of your professional achievements. Plus we give you photographs of your team with our ceremony guests of honour and sponsors.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE: Enjoy a special celebratory lunch on 20 April 2018 for your team at a central London hotel with the opportunity to network with other talented health professionals and health care leaders. Finalists are able to purchase additional tickets to bring family, friends and colleagues along.

REVIEW YOUR WORK: Seize the opportunity to review your project, its impact on patient care and your team working: putting pen to paper will ensure better dissemination of your ideas and learning for your own professional development.

Who can enter?

At least one team member in any entry should be an allied health professional or healthcare scientist, and should be providing healthcare in any setting within the UK.