



ADVANCING HEALTHCARE AWARDS UK 2017

Entries to the Chamberlain Dunn Learning Award for entrepreneurship

With this award, within the Advancing Healthcare awards framework, we wanted to find and showcase AHPs and healthcare scientists, working in the NHS, local government, the independent or third sectors, who have devised unusual or creative ways to improve people's experience of healthcare by, for example, forging unconventional partnerships, making use of new technologies or developing advanced skills.

We received such an impressive set of entries this year that we decided to publish details of all the entries, not only the finalists. The descriptions are those supplied by the people concerned and email addresses are provided so that you can follow up projects that interest you.

Joy Shepherd, manager of Chamberlain Dunn Learning, was part of the judging panel that judged the shortlisted entries which she found to be an inspiring and uplifting experience:

"I always look forward to judging day for these awards as we meet so many people who are passionate about improving the lives of others. This year I was particularly impressed by the range of projects that demonstrated real commitment and determination to finding new ways of doing things. This really is a great way to celebrate the skills and dedication of AHPs and healthcare scientists and I hope that by sharing the projects others can learn from them."

WINNER

Redefining art therapies provision

Jo Godsal, dramatherapist and clinical services manager and Daniel Thomas, managing director and music therapist, Chroma Arts Therapies

Chroma's mission is to increase the availability of arts therapies, to influence and inform policy and commissioners and to improve outcomes for clients. This is achieved through collaboration, professionalism, influence, investing in resources and clinical integrity.

Chroma's approach raises standards and radically redefines a profession that has struggled for recognition.

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RUNNERS UP

Falls response service

Louise Davies, head of occupational therapy and Gail Smith, paramedic, East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust and North West Ambulance Service

The Falls Response Service is collaboration between an occupational therapy and a paramedic service. The primary aim is to rapidly assess patients in their own homes to avoid conveyance to hospital. The combined skills of the clinicians have proved to be successful in keeping people out of hospital.

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Squeezy - a pelvic floor muscle exercise app

Myra Robson, senior pelvic health physiotherapist, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust and Wyc Slingsby, chief technical officer, Propagator Ltd

I launched Squeezy with a technology company in September 2013. It is an app designed to advise, support and remind women and men to complete their pelvic floor exercises and seek treatment where appropriate. It has been a huge success with almost 40,000 sales worldwide and excellent reviews and feedback.

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Using apps for rehabilitation and the creation of www.my-therapy.co.uk

Ruth Siewruk, occupational therapist and Emma Cork, physiotherapist, Northern Devon Healthcare Trust UK's first app review website www.mytherapy.co.uk: crowd sources from the rehabilitation community to identify and inform users of useful apps.

- Increased patient-reported intensity of self-practise
- 50% reduction in therapy contacts
- International interest to review apps and expand scope.

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ENTRANTS

Mable Telepractice

Martha Currie, speech and language therapist, Mable Therapy

We have combined evidence-based practice with the principles of digital gamification to create a flexible and impactful approach to supporting children with speech, language and communication needs. Our online platform, supported by our team of speech and language therapists, provides direct therapy; children engage with our interactive games which support personalised targets identified by the therapist in collaboration with teaching staff and parents.

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Dignified Dining Toolkit

Maxine Cartz, lead healthcare dietitian, and Helen Ream, healthcare dietitian, Compass Group UK & Ireland In 2014, Compass Group/Alzheimer's disease International published the Dementia and Nutrition Report which summarised the available evidence linking nutrition and dementia. We used the findings to create an industry leading approach to enhancing mealtime experiences and improve the provision of nutritional care for people with dementia in hospitals and care homes

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3D-Printed Sports Gloves to Prevent Hand Injuries

Daniel Harte, occupational therapist, Southern Health and Social Care Trust, and Abby Paterson, lecturer in Industrial Design and Technology, Loughborough University

Hand fractures are the most common injuries in sports participation and have most economic burden and impact on productivity above other injuries. Additive manufacturing offers geometric freedom to create almost any 3D form. Adherence to wearing sports gloves may improve by offering custom-made artefacts. This will help prevent hand injuries.

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Supporting Transitions

Tamsin Crothers, specialist speech and language therapist, and Sarah Baybutt, Community Learning Disability Nurse, Bridgewater Community Healthcare Foundation Trust

It is crucial that young people with disabilities have equal opportunity to express their preferences as their non-disabled peers. This project, conceived by an SLT has created a solution that enables children, young people and their families to effectively communicate what is important to and for them in their care.

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Fife IPS

Joanne Koziel, IPS team lead/ occupational therapist, Fife IPS and Paula Donaldson, occupational therapist/employment specialist, NHS Fife

Individual placement and support is an evidence based approach to supported employment. Fife IPS uses a partnership approach to provide individualised employment support to people with severe and enduring mental health conditions.

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Supporting recovery through outdoor adventure

Jorgie Williamson, lead occupational therapist, and Nicola Simpson, case manager and occupational therapist, A Chance for Life Ltd

This unique partnership, between a specialist provider of outdoor adventure for people with disabilities and a specialist provider of brain injury rehabilitation, enables individuals who have experienced an acquired brain injury to combine the power of intensive residential outdoor personal development and specialist goal-orientated occupational therapy to improve cognitive function.

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Christella MTF Transgender Voice Therapy App

Sam Brady, speech and language therapist, independent practice and UH Bristol

I collaborated with Christella Antoni, consultant speech and language therapist and RCSLT adviser to create a voice therapy app for people who are transgender. Patients benefit from immediate specialist SLT intervention and the NHS benefits by reduced waiting times, hours needed for therapy and clear measurements to track change.

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Occupational therapy to address homelessness

Rebecca Wint, occupational therapist, St Georges Crypt and Mandy Graham, senior lecturer in occupational therapy, Leeds Beckett University

Occupational therapy delivered within a third sector homeless service is a role emerging way of delivering intervention. Since the one year pilot project was established in April 2016, over 100 homeless and vulnerable individuals have benefited from occupational therapy intervention. An opportunity for a marginalised group to access healthcare.

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The Physio Matters Podcast (TPMP)

Jack Chew, physiotherapist, Chews Health Ltd

Technology is brilliant for spreading ideas, but it doesn't discriminate between good ones and bad ones. The Physio Matters Podcast is a monthly online interview show renowned for credible, evidence based critique of all ideas. Good, bad and ugly!

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Pactster: An online community-based exercise platform to improve adherence to exercise in people with long-term conditions

Pamela Scarborough, physiotherapist, yoga teacher and co-founder at Pactster, St Christopher's Hospice and Pactster

The benefits of exercise in the treatment of long-term conditions are well known, yet people struggle to start and adhere to an exercise regime. We've developed an online community-based exercise platform where

patients can workout to verified on-demand videos alone or with others via video-chat for added motivation. pamela@lifeandbreath.co.uk

The Book Group

Jane Bourne, drama therapist, Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust

The 'Book Group' is linked to The National Agenda to keep people with an intellectual disability living in the community rather than in long term psychiatric care. The group bridges occupationally between a hospital and an accessible locality, so adults can become familiar in a community environment prior to discharge.

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Implementing advanced practice skill mix in breast oncology

Neill Roberts, consultant radiographer, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Appointed the first consultant therapy radiographer in breast oncology nationally. Following an initial training year, a job plan was developed replacing a consultant clinical oncologist with the CTR in the breast oncology pathway for patients undergoing radiotherapy, with independent responsibility from referral to follow up.

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Sunflower Parent Sensory Training

Alison Unsworth, team leader, and Michelle Bamford, senior occupational therapist, 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

The Sunflower Parent Sensory Training project is an educational programme for parents and carers of children with neurodevelopmental conditions. It empowers parents by equipping them with lifelong skills and knowledge to help manage their child's sensory difficulties. This supports the children to play, learn, develop meaningful relationships and be happy.

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The Nasal Obturator for Speech

Ginette Phippen, lead speech and language therapist, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust

The Nasal Obturator for Speech is an innovative prosthetic treatment option for nasal speech associated with palate dysfunction. Partnership development of a simple, novel, prosthetic device placed in the nostrils to prevent nasal escape of air during speech. An immediate, inexpensive and low burden treatment option; accessible to a wide range of individuals negatively affected by nasal speech who have limited alternative options, in the UK and overseas.

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From the harp

Alice McGarvie, occupational therapist and harp therapist, From the harp

There are 426,000 people living in care homes in the UK. These homes are often associated with boredom, loneliness and illness. Government guidelines recommend managers to provide interesting activities as an essential part of quality care. I deliver live interactive harp music sessions to individuals who live in care homes.

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Introducing animal assisted therapy in an adult inpatient physical rehabilitation unit

Marianne Welsh, senior occupational therapist, Kaylash Juggernaut, infection control office, ECS – BEH MHT NHS Trust

Evidence shows patients can benefit from Animal Assisted Therapy as part of their rehabilitation programme. However, stakeholders believed that patients' health and safety would be compromised due to risks of infection, allergic reactions and bites. Engaging with relevant stakeholders we implemented AAT and patients' rehabilitation outcomes improved.

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Clinical preparation day

Liam Mannion, lecturer, City, University of London

The first clinical placement in busy teaching hospitals can be a daunting experience for undergraduate radiotherapy students. Our academic team designed a simulated patient pathway to help them prepare – incorporating service users, virtual reality, simulated practice, and problem based learning. A positive impact on learning and preparation was anticipated.

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