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# Launching the 2019 Advancing Healthcare awards

For allied health professionals  
and healthcare scientists

## KEY DATES

Awards launch: September 2018  
Closing date for entries: 14 January 2019  
Judging day: 26 February 2019  
Celebration lunch: 12 April 2019



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...

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### 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

This award is open to apprentices, support workers, assistant practitioners, technicians or others of a similar title working within an AHP or healthcare science team or environment. It aims to recognise and encourage their increasing contribution to improving patient outcomes by celebrating an individual that provides, or who are helping to provide, high quality, creative care which enhances the quality of life for the patient. Recognition of these achievements is important given the growing pressures on NHS service provision, and it is apparent that these roles are becoming increasingly crucial to sustaining efficient and effective services that maintain or improve the quality of patients' lives. Nominations are welcomed from the individual, their team or by a patient, service user or carer.

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### The Welsh Government's award for Prudent Healthcare

Sponsored by the Welsh Government

This award is open to AHPs and healthcare scientists, individually or as a team, who are able to demonstrate progress they have made to implement Prudent healthcare to improve outcomes for service users (patients).

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### The Chamberlain Dunn Learning Rising Stars award

Sponsored by Chamberlain Dunn Learning

For this category we are inviting 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 allied health professional or healthcare scientist for less than five years, and who you and others recognise as a star in the making.

Awards open to healthcare scientists only...

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### 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 for delivering care that have improved the integration of services, speeded up diagnosis and treatment or given patients greater control of their own care.

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### Biomedical Scientist of the Year award

Sponsored by the Institute of Biomedical Science

This award will celebrate 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.

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### The Scottish Government award for driving improvement, delivering results

Sponsored by the Scottish Government

This award is for 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. This delivery leads to increasing the health of the population, ensuring equity and best value of resources.

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### The AHCS award for Inspiring the healthcare science workforce of the future

All those who play a part in inspiring healthcare scientists and 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 healthcare scientists. We want to showcase the essential contribution that healthcare 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...

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### The AHP clinical leadership award

Sponsored by Allied Health Solutions

This award aims to recognise AHPs, who are at any stage in their career who:

- Demonstrate effective clinical leadership in their role
- Followership
- Can provide evidence of the impact of their leadership on improving patient care.

The award can be self-nominated or a colleague or manager can nominate a colleague or member of their team.

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### Northern Ireland's award for Maximising resources for success

Sponsored by the Department of Health NI

This award recognises the crucial role of AHP leadership in driving forward service transformation to ensure safe, sustainable, and effective quality services provided in the right place at the right time by the right people. The shape of future services proposed for health and social care should place the individual at the centre of any model by promoting better outcome for service users, carers and their family. Using a coproduction and co-design approach should shape services to deliver optimum outcomes for service users. New models must be focused on prevention initiatives and earlier interventions, and on promoting health and well-being.

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### 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.

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### The Guardian Jobs award for innovation in mental health services

Sponsored by Guardian Jobs

This award has in the past attracted 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!

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### Public Health England and Faculty of Public Health award for contributions to public health

Sponsored by Public Health England and the Faculty of Public Health

Public Health England and FPH seeks 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.

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### The Macmillan award for leadership and innovation in cancer care

Sponsored by Macmillan Cancer Support

AHPs are key members of the multidisciplinary cancer team, and support many of the strategic aims to transform cancer care and to improve quality of life.

They enable and support people to self-manage, enabling the symptoms and the consequences of treatment to be managed while considering the patients and their relatives and families social situation.

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### Chroma award for Realising potential through creativity

Sponsored by Chroma

This award aims to find and showcase Creative Arts Therapists and other AHPs in the UK, 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.

### Overall winner

The overall winner is chosen from the category winners

Entries must be submitted online via the website forms - go to [AHPandHSawards.co.uk](http://AHPandHSawards.co.uk) and follow the **ENTER NOW** links

## 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. Judges, drawn from supporting organisations, shortlist three or four entries in each category who are invited to present to the judging panels. The results are revealed at the awards lunch on 12 April. The shortlisted teams are invited and they often chose to buy additional places with family and colleagues.

Other guests include leaders of the professional bodies and membership organisations, senior people in healthcare and guests of the sponsors.

Enter the Advancing Healthcare awards now and show how you and your team deliver the best possible care.

## How to enter

- Read through all our award information and make sure you enter your project in the most suitable category. Some are only open to AHPs or to healthcare scientists
- Prepare your answers to the category submission questions offline  
Go to [AHPandHSawards.co.uk](http://AHPandHSawards.co.uk), select ENTER NOW
- Give full contact details of the project team (or nominator/nominee). Please do so carefully as we will use these forms to inform you of the results of the shortlisting
- Next cut and paste your prepared answers to the questions on to the website form, keeping to the word count limits
- Thoroughly check your entry form before submission, and ask a colleague to take a look too.
- Submit your entry well in advance of the deadline

### 17.00 MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019

- Remember you can enter as many projects as you like, but a particular project can only be entered into one category
- If you have a problem with your submission, please contact the awards team by calling **0208 334 4500** or emailing [rachael@chamberdunn.co.uk](mailto:rachael@chamberdunn.co.uk)

## 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 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 12 April 2019 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.



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