

# Launching the 2020 Advancing Healthcare Awards

For allied health professionals and healthcare scientists

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## KEY DATES

Awards launch: September 2019

Closing date for entries: 8 January 2020

Judging day: Early February 2020

Celebration Lunch: 20 March 2020



This year we have joined up with the Year of Green Action to invite you to tell us how, within your submitted projects or nominations, you have taken account of the environment – in your workplace, in connecting people with nature for health and wellbeing or in protecting and enhancing the environment.

## Awards open to both AHPs and healthcare scientists working anywhere in the UK.

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### The Year of Green Action award for AHPs and healthcare scientists demonstrating environmental awareness

Sponsored by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Year of Green Action (YoGA) is supporting the theme of green awareness running throughout the 2020 Advancing Healthcare awards. The Year is about connecting people all around the country with nature, and showing how we can all take positive action to improve our environment. As we've seen from series like the Blue Planet, the choices we make in our day to day lives affect the world around us. The right ones can help us create a healthier environment for ourselves and the next generation.

So whichever award you enter this year we are inviting you to show how you have taken positive action to take account of the environment; this may be by considering environmental sustainability in your workplace, connecting people with nature for health and wellbeing or protecting and enhancing the environment through your actions. Judges will select the entries from across all categories that have demonstrated the most impressive environmental awareness and an award will be presented to celebrate the Year of Green Action. **This award cannot be entered directly**

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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 NHS Employers award for outstanding achievement by an AHP or healthcare science apprentice, support worker or technician

Sponsored by NHS Employers

High performing teams will recognise the contributions and strengths of individual members. In this award, NHS Employers wants to celebrate the positive contribution to patient outcomes made by apprentices, support workers, assistants and technicians working within an AHP or healthcare science service. Have you changed how you do things and has this made a difference to the quality of life of your patients, how your team works and you know it can be sustained? Or perhaps this describes someone in your team?

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### The Rising Star award

Sponsored by Chamberlain Dunn

For this award 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 working anywhere in the UK

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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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### The Scottish Government's award for Driving improvement, delivering results

Sponsored by the Scottish Government

This award is for healthcare scientists 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 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 award for Inspiring the healthcare science workforce of the future

Sponsored by the Academy for Healthcare Science

This award recognises and rewards people who are committed to inspiring the next generation of healthcare scientists and is open to individuals, units or departments. Our aim is 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. 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.

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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 or a colleague, or suggest he or she nominates him or herself.

# Awards open to AHPs working anywhere in the UK

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## The AHP clinical leadership award

Sponsored by Allied Health Solutions

The AHP clinical leadership award aims to recognise AHPs, at any stage in their career, who demonstrate effective clinical leadership in their role, followership and can provide evidence of the impact of their leadership on improving patient care.

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## The Council of Allied Health Professions Research (CAHPR) Award for Evaluating Health and Social Care Practice

Sponsored by CAHPR

This award is open to all allied health professionals who have undertaken an evaluation project that has resulted in demonstrable improvement in service provision. The judges will be looking for research, service evaluation, quality improvement or audit projects that have resulted in improved care for those accessing the service, and be able to demonstrate meaningful involvement from the public, managers and other relevant stakeholders. Individual or group applications are welcomed (from students or qualified AHPs), for projects that are led by an AHP and have been completed within the last year.

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## Chroma award for Excellence in Neurorehabilitation

Sponsored by Chroma in association with the Independent Neurorehabilitation Providers Alliance

This award aims to find and showcase creative arts therapists and other AHPs, working in neurorehabilitation settings in the independent, NHS or third sectors. They will be using collaborative clinical, commissioning and treatment partnerships to create approaches and innovative ways of identifying and delivering excellence in neurorehabilitation. The award seeks to champion AHPs, including creative arts therapists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists among others who work together to create excellence in neurorehabilitation settings, by enabling patients to re-frame their relationship with their own neurorehabilitation.

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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 working anywhere in the UK, 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 award for AHPs working with people who have mental health problems

Sponsored by The Guardian

Mental health is getting a much higher profile and this is a dynamic area for AHPs. We want to hear what you are doing, the impact you have had and how others could follow suit on their patch. Innovation? Yes of course, but equally yours could be a proven project that continues to deliver outstanding results. We are keen to hear the stories of people you are helping, partnerships you have forged and creative approaches you have put into successful practice.

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

Sponsored by the FPH and PHE

The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) and Public Health England (PHE) seek to recognise allied health professionals who have demonstrated leadership and partnership working to deliver effective health improvement interventions, including through social prescribing, with the potential to be used at scale.

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## Northern Ireland's Maximising resources for success

Sponsored by the Department of Health NI

This award recognises the crucial role of AHP leadership working anywhere in the UK, in driving forward service redesign 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 for health and social care should place the individual at the centre of any model by promoting better outcomes for service users, carers and their families. Outcomes and quality evidence 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.

## 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](https://www.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 15 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 20 March. The shortlisted teams are invited and they often choose to buy additional places for 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 WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020

- 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: This year to mark the Year of Green Action the winners will have a tree planted in their name. You will also receive a 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 20 March 2020 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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