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For allied health professionals
and healthcare scientists

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: mid February 2018, in London

Awards lunch: April 20 2018, central 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...

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ICA
HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic Programme
for non-medical healthcare professionals



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.

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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

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.

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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.

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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.

Awards open to healthcare scientists only...

These awards are supported by the Academy for Healthcare Science.



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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 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.

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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.

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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.

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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...

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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.

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Northern Ireland award for Maximising resources for success

Sponsored by Department of Health (Northern Ireland)

This award recognises the crucial role of AHP leadership 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. Health and social care services should place the individual at the centre by promoting better outcomes for service users, carers and their family. Outcomes and quality evidence should shape services to deliver the best outcomes for service users based on prevention initiatives, 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 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!

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Chroma award for Realising potential through creativity

Sponsored by Chroma

This award aims to find and showcase AHPs in England, 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.

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The Macmillan award for Leadership and innovation in cancer rehabilitation

Sponsored by Macmillan Cancer Support

This award aims to recognise the importance of cancer rehabilitation at all stages of a patient's journey from diagnosis through to end of life care. Rehabilitation is aimed at maximising and optimising the patients physical, psychological and economic functioning while ensuring their dignity. AHPs play a major part in making this happen and we want to hear from you about your work.

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. 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 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, 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 FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2018
- 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

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 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.



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