

2014

Advancing Healthcare Awards



Enter now and show the world how you make a difference!

Tell us what you do and why it makes a difference to patient care. That's the way to get your voice heard in today's tightly funded, highly competitive healthcare world. Entering this well-established awards programme for AHPs and healthcare scientists is a great way to put yourself and your team on the map and to achieve the recognition you deserve.

Closing date for entries	17:00 Friday 17 January 2014
Judging date	26 February 2014
Awards ceremony	Friday 11 April 2014

Here's what one of last year's winners said:

'Winning the award was fabulous recognition for our efforts in a media environment where health care practitioners are exposed to increasing levels of criticism. This award recognizes our work in adjusting services to meet the changing needs of people living with and beyond cancer. It has offered us a platform for influencing others to consider rethinking the way in which they approach service design.'

Joanne Horton, occupational therapist and **Wendy Wilkinson**, Macmillan APOT, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board.

Winners of the Rethinking the patient care pathway award 2013.

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We welcome entries in the following categories:

1. The Chief Scientific Officer's award for Clinical Leadership

The CSO's award seeks to recognise healthcare scientists, at any stage of their careers, who clearly demonstrate leadership for change in their everyday values and behaviours and in their focus on value-based outcomes for patient and public benefit. They should show courage and resilience in working with others to transform services and to consistently deliver at a high level.

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2. Chief Health Professions Officer's award for Clinical Leadership

The CHPO's award seeks to recognise AHPs, at any stage of their careers, who demonstrate in their everyday behaviour and attitudes the essence of leadership in the clinical setting, putting patients' interests before all other considerations. They should show courage and determination in working with others to improve the quality of patient care in ways that are demonstrably cost effective and sustainable. We are looking for those who transform services and consistently deliver high quality care.

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3. Award for Outstanding achievement by an AHP or healthcare science support worker or technician

This award is open to support workers, assistant practitioners, technicians, apprentices or 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 or team that provide, or who are helping to provide, high quality, creative care which enhances the quality of life for the patient.

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Recognition of these achievements are 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.

4. NHS Employers award for Inspiring the workforce of the future

This award recognises and rewards people who are committed to inspiring the next generation of AHPs and healthcare scientists. We are looking for submissions from individuals, units or departments demonstrating their commitment by, for example, providing outstanding clinical learning and development opportunities and forging strong links with their education providers.

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Our aim is to showcase the essential contribution that employers make to attracting and developing a workforce which displays the behaviours and values that are needed to deliver compassionate care. All those who play a part in inspiring the next generation of AHPs and healthcare scientist, including clinical leads, department managers, educational supervisors and HR managers, are invited to enter.

5. Unite the Union award for Working together

This award recognises outcomes that have been achieved resulting from genuine interprofessional collaboration. If you are an allied health professional or a healthcare scientist and have played a leading role in an example of innovative team working, please share your experiences by applying for this 'working together' award. We are particularly interested in examples where one or more of the allied health professions have worked with one or more of the healthcare sciences.

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6. Allied Health Professions Federation award for Integrated care delivery

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Integration of services offered by the NHS with the social care and education provision of local authorities is increasingly seen as essential if the care needs of the UK population are to be met and managed. Policy makers are struggling to find workable solutions. Meanwhile front-line professionals are finding ways to meet individual and local needs without waiting to be told.

This award is open to all members of the AHP workforce working across the boundaries between health and social care and/or education. Nominations should demonstrate excellent examples of how standards of care services have been improved by inter-disciplinary working involving AHPs at the heart of positive change.

7. The Scottish Government's award for Improving quality: measuring and demonstrating impact

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This award seeks to recognise AHPs and healthcare scientists who have transformed a service/s 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 that what you have achieved is sustainable. The winner will also receive a grant towards their personal and professional development.

8. The Northern Ireland award for Maximising resources for success

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Innovation and modernising existing service models means examining how and what can be improved 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. 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.

9. The Welsh Government's Prevention is better than cure award

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This award recognises innovative approaches to preventing disease and improving health. Engaging people more closely in their personal health and well-being aims to increase the number of quality of life years they experience; preventing illness and prolonging life. The shift within the NHS is away from sickness and cure to wellness and prevention. Preventative healthcare provides many direct benefits to the individual and increasing the focus on prevention in our communities will help improve the population's quality of life.

We are looking for innovative projects that focus on initiatives encouraging preventative interventions which might include self care, facilitating group initiatives and/or the use of technology.

10. The IPeM award for Patients as partners in science

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This award is for healthcare physicists or engineers who have successfully adapted or explained complex science to patients to improve their comfort, safety, treatment or understanding. We are looking for projects or initiatives which focus on partnership between physicist/engineer and patients; and for innovative, imaginative ways to bring science to patient care.

11. The GateHouse Rising Star award

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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. We are looking for people who stand out from the crowd and have already shown courage in meeting professional or personal challenges, displaying determination, creativity, intelligence and bravery; people who have continued to develop their skills and evidence-based practice since qualifying and flourished in whatever setting they have found themselves. This is an open award with no rigid criteria, so tell us his or her story.

12. Overall winner

The judges will select an outstanding entry from the winning entries in each category. This category may not be entered directly.

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What are the Advancing Healthcare awards?

The 2014 Advancing Healthcare Awards are exclusively for allied health professionals, healthcare scientists and those who work with them in support roles. Organised by Chamberlain Dunn, these UK Awards, now in their eighth year, recognise and reward projects and professionals that lead innovative healthcare practice and make a real difference to patients' lives in healthcare science and the allied health professions.

The awards are unique in that they are UK-wide and cover all these professional and specialists groups whose achievements so often go unnoticed.

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.

Why enter?

RECOGNITION

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 glass trophy and framed 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 for your team at a top 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.

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, or to people working in England
- Prepare your answers to the category submission questions offline. Go to www.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 Friday **17 January 2014**
- And remember you can enter as many projects as you like, but a particular project can only be entered into one category
- In the event of a problem with your submission, please contact the awards team by calling **0208 334 4500** or emailing linnet@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 you entry on the basis of evidence provided in each section alone (appendices will not be considered).

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