



2012 Advancing Healthcare Awards

UK Awards for Allied Health Professionals and Healthcare Scientists

It has never been more important to show how the work of AHPs and healthcare scientists contributes to the quality and productivity agenda.

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

This year's sponsors



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Here's what some of last year's winners and guests said:

'Its been so nice when patients or colleagues have commented that they have heard about me winning this award. It's certainly made a big change to my life!'

Vicky Chudleigh-Emson RD,
specialist dietitian

'These awards have raised our profile, which is vital to ensure that this project continues to be delivered and will be replicated in other mental health trusts.'

Margot Hodgson, senior physiotherapist,
Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

'I feel it is important for you and your team to know that the very hard work and time you put into the AHA organisation has far reaching benefits to both the health professionals and the health of the wider public.'

Michelle Sandleson, public health dietitian, NHS Tower Hamlets

Entry deadline: 17:00 Thursday 12 January 2012

See the 2011 Impact Report for more about the press, public and professional recognition our winners achieved.

WHAT

are the Advancing Healthcare Awards?

The 2012 Advancing Healthcare Awards are exclusively for allied health professionals and healthcare scientists, the only awards which cross boundaries and foster partnership working. Organised by Chamberlain Dunn, these UK Awards, now in their sixth year, recognise and reward projects and professionals that lead innovative healthcare practice and make a real difference to patients' lives in the healthcare science and 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. The awards have a special focus on leadership with two awards from the Department of Health to encourage AHPs and healthcare scientists to be leaders.

This year we have a new award sponsored by the **Federation for Healthcare Science**: Research into action: the succesful implementation of research findings to the benefit of patients. And a new award from **Caboo Design**: Into the limelight.

WHO

can enter the Advancing Healthcare Awards?

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

you should enter the Advancing Healthcare Awards?

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 trusts, so others can learn from your trials, successes and ideas. 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 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 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.

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We welcome entries in the following categories:

The awards programme culminates in a celebratory awards ceremony and lunch at a prestigious central London venue, with a guest of honour. All the shortlisted entries will be present together with a VIP audience. The winners will receive a framed certificate and trophy at the awards ceremony. The winning entries will be published in a media pack and promoted through the sponsors' own communication channels.

one: THE CHIEF HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICER'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP (ENGLAND)



Sponsored by Department of Health England

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. 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 to transform services and consistently deliver high quality care.

The winner will receive a cash prize to be used for personal or professional development with the commitment to report back a year later on what has been achieved.

two: THE CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP (ENGLAND)



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The CSO's award seeks to recognise healthcare scientists in the early years of their careers who demonstrate in their everyday behaviour and attitudes the essence of leadership. They should show courage and determination in working with others to improve the quality for patient benefit in ways that are demonstrably cost effective and sustainable and provide improved outcomes. We are looking for those who transform services and consistently deliver at a high level.

The winner will receive a cash prize to be used for personal or professional development with the commitment to report back a year later on what has been achieved.

three: IMPROVING QUALITY – MEASURING AND DEMONSTRATING IMPACT



Sponsored by NHSScotland

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 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 the service is sustainable.

The winner will receive an additional prize to support their personal and professional development.

four: RESEARCH INTO ACTION: THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF RESEARCH FINDINGS TO THE BENEFIT OF PATIENTS



Sponsored by the Federation for Healthcare Science

Exclusively for healthcare scientists, this award seeks to recognise those who have translated the outcomes of their own or others' research and put them into practice in their work setting. The judges are looking for clear evidence of the way the service has been improved to the benefit of patients and clients as a result of changing practice according to research findings.

five: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS LEADING TOGETHER ON HEALTH



Sponsored by Unite the Union

Entries are invited to illustrate successful collaboration between these groups. An essential part of modernising healthcare is developing team working across professional groups. AHPs and healthcare scientists do not always come into contact with one another but in some spheres effective joint working can revolutionise patient services.

six: RETHINKING THE PATIENT CARE PATHWAY



Sponsored by Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Northern Ireland

The work of healthcare scientists in diagnostics and treatment is key in ensuring patients are treated promptly and the work of AHPs helps to speed their journey home. This award recognises the crucial part these professionals play in improving access and boosting productivity.

seven: ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Sponsored by GateHouse Training

This aims to encourage creative entries which take a fresh approach to learning and development. Entries are invited from practitioners at any level who have achieved excellence and innovation in skills training or professional development to enhance knowledge and technical competence to the benefit patients.

eight: INTO THE LIMELIGHT



Sponsored by Caboo Design

A challenge for those in the allied health professions and in healthcare science is to find a way to describe to the public and media how they contribute to improved patient care. It is the larger healthcare professions that get the publicity and its time that others moved into the limelight so that their role can be understood, appreciated and developed. This award illuminates projects and initiatives which have helped explain your work.

nine: Overall winner

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

Entries may be made by individuals, small groups working together, a department, a hospital or a trust based in the UK. Simply decide which category your project fits best, and complete and return the on-line entry form by 12 January 2012. The entries will be judged by an expert panel of judges, drawn from the professions and sponsors. All shortlisted entrants will be notified by email and will be asked to attend a judging day in February 2012 in central London.

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HOW to enter the 2012 Advancing Healthcare Awards

- Visit www.AHPandHSawards.co.uk
- Select **ENTER NOW**
- Register your details to create an 'awards account' (there is no obligation to enter after registering)
- Select the category to wish to enter
- Review the shortlisting criteria for this category
- Complete the on-line form, adhering to the specified word counts. It may be easier to write your submission off-line and then cut and paste it onto the website
- You can save and return at any point, but when you are happy, simply submit your entry
- You can enter new projects in other categories or return to unfinished submissions by selecting the **MY AWARDS** link and logging in.
- You must submit your entries before **12 January 2012**.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be assessed and scored according to the various criteria. Only the written submission will be considered so entrants are encouraged to demonstrate:

- Measurable achievements
- Expected benefits (including cost-effectiveness/value for money)
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team-working
- Making a difference to patient/client care

At least one member of your project must be an AHP or health scientist, see www.AHPandHSawards.co.uk for qualifying roles.

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). Failure to address a question will result will impact your score at the shortlisting stage of the competition.

RULES FOR ENTRY

- Your project may only be entered into one category
- Only two people may be named on the awards application
- It is these people alone that will be invited to attend the judging day in the event of shortlisting
- All entries must be authorised by your manager
- There will be no feedback on entries that are not shortlisted
- The judges' decision is final
- You must be available to attend the judging day in February.

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TIPS FOR MAKING THE FINALS

- Read through all our award categories and make sure you enter your project in the most suitable category
- Complete all questions on the entry form, and keep the category you have entered in mind as you write
- Keep to our 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 Thursday 12 January 2012
- And remember you can enter as many projects into the competition as you like.

Dates for your diary

Closing date for entries	17:00 Thursday 12 January 2012
Judging date	To be confirmed in February 2012
Awards ceremony	Friday 30 March 2012

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