

Launching the 2022 Advancing Healthcare Awards

For allied health professionals and healthcare scientists and those who work alongside them.

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KEY DATES

Awards launch: September 2021

Closing date for entries: 11th Jan 2022

Judging: February 2022

Celebration Lunch: 8th April 2022

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We are delighted to invite entries to the 2022 Advancing Healthcare awards.

We are launching the 2022 awards against the background of the government's ambitious plans for health and social care, **Build Back Better**, published in September 2021. AHPs and healthcare scientists have already demonstrated so clearly throughout the challenges of the pandemic how they are leaders of innovation and are well placed to respond to the new opportunities the plan offers. The Advancing Healthcare Awards is an annual event that celebrates best practice, innovation and leadership.

Have a look at the categories and get your entry in.

The Awards aim to:

- Identify and share examples of good innovative practice throughout the four countries of the UK which are evidence-based, sustainable and transferable
- Help AHPs and healthcare scientists communicate their key role in health and social care to their various audiences
- Develop the awards programme in reach and stature reflecting the crucial contribution of AHPs and healthcare scientists in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation
- To meet the expectations of the sponsoring and supporting organisations.

Criteria and submission questions are listed here so you can see what is required and to allow you to prepare your entries offline. At least one team member in your entry should be an AHP or healthcare scientist (except for categories which specifically include support workers). You can enter as many projects as you like across the categories, but a particular project can only be entered into one category.

Entries must be submitted online via the website forms – go to www.AHAwards.co.uk and follow the **ENTER NOW** links.

The submission deadline for entries is **17:00 11 January 2022**

AWARDS OPEN TO BOTH AHPs AND HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS

The NHS Employers award for outstanding achievement by an apprentice, support worker or non-registered technician in an AHP or healthcare science service



The Welsh Government's award for Value Based Care: making best use of resources to maximise outcomes



The award for outstanding contributions to public health

Rising Star award sponsored by Chamberlain Dunn



AWARDS OPEN TO HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS

The Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine award for innovation in healthcare science



The Academy for Healthcare Science award for inspiring the healthcare science workforce of the future



The Academy for Healthcare Science award for Clinical Research Practitioner leadership



The LSI Accredited Credentialling award for NHS – life science industry collaboration in delivering healthcare



Biomedical Scientist of the Year award, sponsored by the Institute of Biomedical Science



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British Association for Music Therapy Award for music therapists who are developing innovative ways of providing effective music therapy



OVERALL WINNER: The judges select the overall winner from the category winners.

THE AWARDS IN DETAIL

Awards open to both AHPs and healthcare scientists

The NHS Employers award for outstanding achievement by an apprentice, support worker or non-registered technician in an AHP or healthcare science service.



Sponsored by NHS Employers

This award is open to apprentices, support workers, assistants or non-registered technicians working with allied health professionals and/or in healthcare science services. NHS Employers wants to celebrate the positive contribution that support roles make to patient outcomes and the teams they work in.

Have you changed how you do things and has this made a difference to the quality of life of your patients? Have you implemented a sustainable change that has made an impact in your team? Or perhaps this describes someone in your team?

Nominations are welcomed from the individual, their team or by a patient, service user or carer.

Criteria

- Innovation
- Impact on patient care
- Team working and using own initiative
- Expected benefits including improved quality of life
- Sustainability and transferability.

Submission statements

Questions vary for nomination type; please check that you submit the appropriate one.

Individual or team nomination:

1. Summarise your project and its significance in 50 words.
2. Describe the project, or fresh approach or new way of working, initiated by the apprentice, support worker or non-registered technician. (200 words)
3. In what ways are patients and families involved? Include a testimonial from a patient if possible. (100 words)
4. What has been the improvement to patient outcomes or quality of life? (100 words)
5. What measures have been taken to ensure it is adapted and sustained within your team? (50 words)
6. How will this solution be used by other services or departments? (50 words)

Patient, service user or carer nomination:

1. What did the apprentice, technician or support worker do that was so special for you? (100 words)
2. How were your opinions, ideas and or suggestions received? (100 words)
3. What has this intervention or solution meant for you in terms of your quality of life? (50 words)
4. Why should they win this award? (50 words).

The Welsh Government's award for Value Based Care: making best use of resources to maximise outcomes

Sponsored by the Welsh Government

This award is open to allied health professionals, healthcare scientists and their support workforce who demonstrate how they have delivered Value Based Care. Value Based Care is the equitable, sustainable and transparent use of the available resources to achieve better outcomes and experiences for every individual in the population.

Criteria:

- Evidence of measurable achievements
- Equitable, creative, sustainable and transparent use of resources
- Making a difference to patient outcomes
- Sustainability and transferability.

Submission questions

1. Summarise your project and its significance in 50 words
2. Describe your project more fully, and any relevant background to your work. (200 words)
3. Outline how your project maximises value in the use of AHP and/or HCS resources including sustainability of your project. (250 words)
4. Outline how this is innovative, delivers improved outcomes and benefits and is transferable to other organisations. (300 words)

The award for outstanding contributions to public health

Sponsorship to be confirmed

This award, open to AHPs and healthcare scientists working anywhere in the UK, seeks to recognise those 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.

Criteria:

- Leadership and partnership working
- Evidence of impact
- Demonstrable sustainability and potential to scale up
- Value for money.

Submission statements

1. Summarise your project and its significance in 50 words.
2. Describe your project more fully including any relevant background work and supporting evidence. (200 words)

3. Outline how your project demonstrates leadership and engagement of relevant stakeholders and partners. (50 words)
4. How does your project use best practice and professional standards in public health? (100 words)
5. Outline the impact of the project, your evaluation framework, and the outcome measures you used. (100 words)
6. Describe how your project will be sustained and the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations. (50 words)

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.

Criteria:

This is an open award with no rigid criteria, so tell us their story. 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.

Submission statements

1. Summarise why this person stands out from the crowd. (100 words)
2. Have there been any personal or professional challenges that they have faced? (50 words)
3. In what specific ways has this person matured professionally? (50 words)
4. What do colleagues, managers and patients say about them? (50 words)
5. How does this person show promise for the future? (50 words)

Awards open to healthcare scientists

The Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine Award for innovation in healthcare science

Sponsored by the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine



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.

Criteria:

- Evidence of the impact of science on healthcare delivery
- Innovation that has benefits or potential benefits to patient care
- Evidence of leadership and sustainability
- Awareness of transferability and the bigger picture.

Submission statements

1. Summarise your project and its significance in 50 words.
2. Describe your project more fully including relevant background research and supporting evidence. (200 words)
3. How does this, or could this, benefit patient care? (100 words)
4. What systems and policies are in place to sustain this achievement? (100 words)
5. How could your approach be adopted by other organisations? (100 words)

The Academy for Healthcare Science 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. We are looking for submissions from individuals or departments demonstrating their commitment to providing outstanding clinical learning and development opportunities, forging strong links with education providers, using inventive ways to promote healthcare science careers, offering innovative development programmes to help students in their early careers or devising initiatives to capture talent within the workforce.

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.

Criteria:

- Innovation
- Measurable achievements
- Expected benefits including cost-effectiveness
- Adaptability and sustainability
- Transferability
- Leadership and team working.

Submission statements

1. Describe what the nominee has done: how it is innovative? (200 words)
2. What has been the feedback and how have they evaluated success? (100 words)
3. What measures have been taken to ensure the innovation's adaptability and sustainability? (100 words)
4. How far is it transferable to other units and departments? (50 words)
5. How has the innovation impacted on the department or service provided? (50 words)

The Academy for Healthcare Science award for Clinical Research Practitioner Leadership

Sponsored by the Academy for Healthcare Science



Clinical Research Practitioners (CRPs) have an important role in the delivery of high quality clinical research. The continued development of career development, support and recognition of the role are all priorities as the CRP profession becomes an established part of the health and social care workforce. This year's award will focus on leadership and provide an opportunity to recognise the contribution of individual CRPs in enabling the development of the profession.

Nominations are welcome from individual CRPs who can demonstrate how they have supported the development of the CRP role. This could include, but is not limited to, educational initiatives and workforce innovation such as role redesign, promoting understanding of the role, the continuing professional development of CRPs and activities that enable the development of the CRP Community.

Nominees must be on the CRP Directory or Register; nominations can be for yourself or a colleague.

Criteria

Nominees must be a clinical research practitioner practising within the UK and show evidence of:

- measurable achievements in research delivery
- leadership and team working
- impact on the care of research participants.

Submission questions

1. Why should the nominee be considered for this award and what are their achievements? (100 words).
2. How have they raised the profile of their work and contributed to research delivery? (100 words)
3. How does the nominee demonstrate leadership and team working skills? (100 words).
4. Outline how the nominee is innovative and has contributed to research outcomes. (100 words)

The LSI Accredited Credentialing Register award; for NHS - life science industry collaboration in delivering healthcare



Sponsored by the Academy for Healthcare Science

This award aims to raise the profile of the contribution of life science industry representatives to the effectiveness and efficiency of the health services. The LSI Credentialing Register provides a not-for-profit registration system that has patient and public safety at its heart – providing reassurance to patients and the NHS.

Nominations are welcome from individual representatives who can demonstrate how they have developed their collaboration in delivering healthcare. This could include, but is not limited to, educational initiatives, promoting understanding of their role, and activities that play a part in delivering improved patient care and supporting clinical staff.

Criteria

Nominees must be working in the life sciences industry within the UK and show evidence of:

- measurable achievements in effective collaboration within the NHS
- initiatives which improve patient care or contribute to service efficiency and effectiveness
- leadership and team working.

Submission questions

1. Why should the nominee be considered for this award and what are their achievements? (100 words)
2. How have they raised the profile of their work and contributed to improving patient care? (100 words)
3. How does the nominee demonstrate leadership and team working skills? (100 words)
4. Outline how the nominee is innovative and has contributed to improved outcomes. (100 words)

Biomedical Scientist of the Year award

Sponsored by the Institute of Biomedical Science

The IBMS Biomedical Scientist of the Year award celebrates an exceptional biomedical scientist who has advanced practice in an innovative and impactful way, making a real difference to patients' lives and inspiring those around them. Nominations can be for yourself or a colleague.

Criteria

Nominees must be a HCPC registered biomedical scientist practising within the UK and show evidence of:

- measurable achievements
- leadership and team working
- impact on patient care.

Submission statements

1. Why should the nominee be considered for this award and what are their achievements? (100 words).
2. How have they raised the profile of biomedical science and progressed the profession? (100 words).
3. How does the nominee demonstrate leadership and team working skills? (100 words).
4. Outline how the nominee is innovative and has improved best practice in the workplace. (100 words)
5. Are you/they an IBMS member? yes/no

Awards open to AHPs

The AHP clinical leadership award

Sponsored by Attend Anywhere and Induction Healthcare



The AHP clinical leadership award aims to recognise AHPs, 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.

Criteria:

This award can either be self-nominated or a colleague or manager can nominate a member of their team. The nominee must be an AHP working in the UK who is leading either a multiprofessional or uniprofessional team and must demonstrate all of the following:

- Vision and drive for their AHP-led service
- Initiative and responsibility
- Commitment and resilience
- The impact of their effective clinical leadership on enhancing the quality of patient care.

Submission statements:

1. Your/their vision and drive for the service you/they work in (100 words)
2. How you/they have used your/their initiative and taken responsibility to 'do the right' thing in your/their role ? (100 words)
3. Describe your/their commitment and resilience to continue to lead and develop the service (100 words)
4. Describe the effectiveness of your/their clinical leadership in enhancing the quality of patient care. (100 words)

The Chroma award for AHPs, including arts therapists, working with people who have mental health problems

Sponsored by Chroma



Mental health has a much higher profile, and this is a dynamic area for AHPs, including arts therapists. We want to hear what you are doing, the impact you have had and how others could follow suit in their work. 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.

Criteria:

- Involving service-users (and carers if appropriate) - in their own words if you like
- Evidence of impact, including the views of service users, colleagues, managers and others
- Sustainability, flexibility and potential to scale up
- Value for money
- Leadership and partnership working.

Submission statements:

1. Describe your project and its significance in 50 words.
2. Describe how you developed the project working with service users, colleagues and others. How did you achieve the resources needed? (100 words)
3. Outline the impact of the project and the outcome measures you used. (100 words)
4. What were the risks you took? What worked and what didn't? What lessons did you learn? (100 words)
5. How can your project be developed and sustained? What advice would you give to others wishing to do something similar? (100 words)
6. Outline how your project demonstrates leadership and engagement of relevant stakeholders and partners. (100 words)

The Northern Ireland Government's award for reform and rebuild of Health and Social Care Services post COVID 19

Sponsored by the Department of Health NI



This award recognises the crucial role of AHPs working anywhere in the UK, in reforming and rebuilding Health and Social Care Services post COVID 19, 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 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. 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.

Criteria:

- Measurable achievements including cost-effectiveness
- Leadership and team working
- Making a difference to patient/client care
- Evidence of service user involvement in redesign
- Sustainability and transferability.

Submission statements

1. Summarise your project and its significance in 50 words.
2. Describe your project more fully with any relevant background to your work. (200 words)
3. Outline the outcomes and benefits including sustainability of your project. (150 words)
4. Outline how your project demonstrates leadership and team working skills. (50 words)
5. Outline how your project makes a difference to patient care, has evidence of service user involvement, and is transferable to other organisations. (100 words)

The BAMT Award for music therapists who are developing innovative ways of providing effective music therapy

Sponsored by the British Association for Music Therapy

Within the last eighteen months we have seen a fantastic response by many music therapists to adapting and creating new ways of working as a response to the challenges COVID-19 has posed for the profession. BAMT would like to celebrate this work with an award that recognises a music therapist or team of music therapists that have developed new and effective ways of working. This can be for any client /client group but must be extraordinary work that is at the cutting edge of new music therapy and clearly demonstrates:

- Working alongside service users in the initiation, creation and development of their work
- Partnership working that clearly shows effective communication and improved holistic input
- Clear return on investment and value for money (and any other benefits to overall health, education or social care)
- Evidence of impact that must include views of service users (including their family, carers etc) as well as other professionals, commissioners and/or service managers
- Potential for wider implementation and benefits for many others.

Submission questions:

1. Describe your project and why it is a new initiative. (50 words)
2. Describe how you developed the project working with service users, colleagues and others. (200 words)
3. Outline how your project is successful in the engagement of relevant stakeholders and how service users are involved in the on-going management and evaluation of the work. (100 words)
4. Outline the impact of the project and proof of successful outcomes including any feedback from any of the stakeholders. (200 words)
5. What worked and what didn't? What lessons were learnt? In retrospect is there anything you would now do differently? How did you monitor and overcome any risks? (200 words)
6. What potential is there for this work to be replicated for the benefit of many more? (100 words)

OVERALL WINNER

The overall winner is chosen from the category winners.

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