

The Advancing Healthcare Awards Northern Ireland 2024

The shortlist



AWARD FOR CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICE

Dysphagia training, leading the way across the UK

*Alison Ferris, AHP Consultant, Public Health Agency, and
Fiona McCallion, Assistant Head, HSC Clinical Education Centre*

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service cardiac arrest masterclass project

Clinical Education Team, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Sensory Motor Circuits in Primary Schools

*Children Core Occupational Therapy team and RISE NI Occupational Therapy team,
Southern Health and Social Care Trust*

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CANCER CARE

Sponsored by Macmillan Cancer Support



Cancer prehabilitation project

The Prehabilitation team, Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Macmillan Advanced Practitioner Oncology Dietitians - impact of early intervention & enhanced recovery

*Michelle Ruddy and Aine O'Neill, Macmillan Advanced Practitioner Oncology Dietitians,
Ciara McSherry, Macmillan Clinical Lead Oncology Dietitian, Western Health and Social Care Trust*

Advanced cancer toolkit

The Cancer Services team, Northern Health and Social Care Trust

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN A SUPPORT ROLE

Personalised memory aids

Julie McCullough, Rehabilitation Coach, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Swallow Aware Campaign

Alison McCusker, Project Manager for Dysphagia NI, Public Health Agency

Podiatry Assistant Practitioner (PAPs), providing support, advice and foot health education for patient living with diabetes (PLWD)

Northern Ireland Regional Podiatry Assistant Practitioners teams

AWARD FOR MASTERS CLINICAL RESEARCH

Sponsored by the School of Health Sciences, Ulster University



An Evaluation of a Speech and Language Therapy Swallow Service for Adults with Intellectual Disability

Angela Crocker, Lead Clinical Speech and Language Therapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Exploring access to community neurorehabilitation for people with progressive neurological conditions

Shona Pryde, Advanced Practice Physiotherapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

An Evaluation of the Demographics, Characteristics and Healthcare Utilisation of People with Asthma Referred to an Ambulatory Respiratory Hub

Wesley Henry, Advanced Practitioner Physiotherapist, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust



AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Sponsored by the Institute of Biomedical Science



Milkshakes Matter: a collaborative approach to enhancing the nutritional and dysphagia care of frail nursing home residents

*Heather Stevenson, Speech and Language Therapist, and
Katherine Hudson, Dietician, Northern Health and Social Care Trust*

Northern Ireland quality standard for imaging team

*Richard Gould, Senior Project Manager, Regional Medical Imaging Board, Strategic Planning and Performance Group, Department of Health,
Mark Cadden, Quality Standard for Imaging Lead, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust
and the team across Southern, Western, Northern, and Belfast Health and Social Care Trusts*

Respiratory Investigation and Sleep Diagnostic Service

Lisa McManus, Chief Respiratory Physiologist, Western Health and Social Care Trust

Northern Ireland Healthcare Science steering group

Sinead Fitzpatrick, Senior Cardiac Physiologist, Letterkenny University Hospital and Western Health and Social Care Trust

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE DELIVERY BY AN AHP OR HEALTHCARE SCIENTIST WORKING OUTSIDE THE NHS

Replicating the primary care role

Jamie Scott, Primary Care Paramedic, GP Federation of NI and Lecturer of Paramedic Science, Ulster University

Addressing a critical gap in mental health support for children

Louise Kelly and Karen Diamond, Music Therapists, Resilient Rhythms

AWARD FOR PARTNERSHIP WORKING IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Sponsored by Public Health Agency



INTERACT project

Claire Hallowell, Complex Case Team Manager, and Aidan McDonnell, Complex Case Team Paramedic, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, with the collaborative team at the British Red Cross

Options, advice, knowledge osteoarthritis knee: The OAK programme West Belfast

*Arlene Blair, First Contact Physiotherapy Practitioner West Belfast Federation, and
Trudy Matchett, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust*

Live well for a longer healthy life

*Suzanne Kennedy, Consultant Physiotherapist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust and
Nuala Lamont, Senior Practice Manager, Causeway GP Federation*

AWARD FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

Sponsored by the Clinical Education Centre, part of the Business Services Organisation



The Speech and Language Therapy led ENT Parallel clinic service – a transformational pathway

Carolyn Greer and Laura Connolly, Specialist Advanced Practitioner Speech and Language Therapists, South Eastern Health and Social care Trust

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Integrated Clinical Hub

Karl Bloomer, Consultant Paramedic (Urgent Care), Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Expansion of Southern Trust Acute Care at Home Team

*Niamh Canavan, Physiotherapist, Catherine Murchan, Occupational Therapist, and
Yvonne Hanna, Team Manager, Acute Care at Home Team, Southern Health and Social Care Trust*

Occupational Therapy – advanced practice microneedling service in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Regional Burns Unit

*Ursula Kelly, Occupational Therapy Assistant Service Manager, and
Jude Gordon, Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust*

AWARD FOR THE BEST COLLABORATION ACROSS CLINICAL, ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY

Sponsored by the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine



Development of bespoke virtual therapy- modernising treatment delivery, utilising current resources efficiently and meeting NICE guidelines

Emma Dunn, Occupational Therapist Advanced Practitioner Level 2, and Dermot Quinn, Occupational Therapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, in collaboration with eXRt Intelligent Healthcare

Out of hospital cardiac arrest 5-year review research study

Julia Wolfe, Research and Development Manager, and Emma McCorkell, Research Paramedic, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, in collaboration with Professor Adele Marshall and Dr Aleks Novakovic from Queen's University Belfast, funded by Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke

ADVOCATE - advancing radiotherapy techniques as a team

The FAST clinic team, Northern Ireland Cancer Care Centre

ULSTER UNIVERSITY STUDENT PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by the School of Health Sciences, Ulster University

Jack O'Hare, BSc Hons Paramedic Science student, Ulster University

Courtney McCaughley, BSc Hons Paramedic Science student, Ulster University

Adam Cooper, BSc Hons Paramedic Science student, Ulster University



RISING STARS

Rebecca Johnston, Occupational Therapist, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Alix Robinson, Occupational Therapist, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Jenny McAlister, Orthoptist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Caitriona Breen, Dietitian, Western Health and Social Care Trust

Aoife Cassidy, Occupational Therapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Emma McCorkell, Research Paramedic, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Naomi Hoffart, Occupational Therapist, Shannon Clinic, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Meabh Morris, Rotational Band 5 Physiotherapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Daniel Deehan, Occupational Therapist, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Lauren McCartan, Occupational Therapist, Reablement team, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Ashleigh McKee, Specialist Community Dietitian, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Jake Deeney, Band 5 Physiotherapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Rebecca Hughes, Specialist Occupational Therapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

THE PATRICIA BLACKBURN AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION AND ACHIEVEMENT

Sponsored by HSC Leadership Centre

The winner will be announced on the night.



AWARD FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The winner will be announced on the night.

OVERALL WINNER

Selected from the category winners