

INFORMATION SHEET

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



UNITED KINGDOM
**ADVANCING
HEALTHCARE
AWARDS 2025**

Welcome to the 2025 Advancing Healthcare Awards. This is an important year for us as, to celebrate our 20th anniversary, we have boosted the Awards with new themes, more supporters and important new sponsors.

This initiative has enabled us to invest more in doing what we set out to do – promoting and explaining the contribution of healthcare scientists and allied health professionals to innovative, high quality patient care, reducing waiting times and encouraging healthy living.

At a time when the NHS and social care services in all four countries are determined to reform and regroup to deliver for all communities, we are so well placed to make explicit how these professionals and specialists can contribute to this urgent healthcare agenda.

So, the Advancing Healthcare Awards is your chance to show the great work you are doing.

KEY DATES

CLOSING DATE:

Friday 14 February 2025

JUDGING DAY:

Monday 31 March 2025

AWARDS CEREMONY:

Friday 23 May 2025

VENUE:

Royal Garden Hotel,
Kensington, London

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We are delighted to invite entries to the 2025 Advancing Healthcare Awards as we celebrate 20 years of this important programme, promoting the work of AHPs and healthcare scientists. These professional groups are leaders of innovation and are well placed to respond to new opportunities and challenges. The Advancing Healthcare Awards is an annual event that celebrates best practice, innovation, impact and leadership.


Have a look at the categories and see where your project might fit. You can be working in any setting in the UK, the NHS, charity, private sector or self-employed. We are particularly keen to encourage people from a wide range of diverse backgrounds to enter the awards.

The Awards aim to:

- Identify and share examples of good, impactful 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 statements are listed here so that 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 each particular project can only be entered into one category.



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

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Friday 14 February 2025

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THE AWARDS IN DETAIL

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1 Welsh Government's award for delivering multiprofessional community services

This award is looking for innovation that increases community-based services, prevents unnecessary hospital admissions and/or enables people in hospital in home to return home safely and quickly.



Criteria

The judges will be looking for:

- Evidence of increased multi-professional working that delivers better outcomes for people, carers and their families
- Evidence of a 'shift left', i.e. delivering a greater proportion of care outside of hospital
- Explicit evidence of improved outcomes and better use of resources in one or more of the following:
 - Diagnostic and assessment provision in localities
 - Early intervention and prevention
 - Step-up or step-down care to prevent admission and/or reduce length of hospital stay
- Measurable impact data (both quantitative and qualitative), e.g. impact on hospital admissions/discharges, including cost effectiveness
- Evidence that this innovation was developed in line with sustainability principles and that there has been consideration for its long-term implementation

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise your innovation and its purpose in 50 words
- 2 Explain how it delivers a greater proportion multi professional community-based care outside of hospital (200 words)
- 3 Evidence how it delivers better outcomes for people, carers and their families in one or more of the following:
 - Diagnostic and assessment provision in localities
 - Early intervention and prevention
 - Step-up or step-down care to prevent admission and/or reduce length of hospital stay (up to 225 words)
- 4 What is your evidence of improved outcomes and better use of resources with measurable impact data? (e.g. number of reduced hospital admissions, number of earlier, safer discharges, cost savings, improved Quality of Life / independence outcomes) (275 words)
- 5 How have you developed this in line with sustainability principles, considering its long-term implementation in partnership with service users? (100 words)

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

This award is open to apprentices, support workers, assistants or non-registered technicians working with allied health professionals or in healthcare science services. We want 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

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- innovation and/or consistent record of high-quality service delivery
- impact on patient care
- team working and using their own initiative
- expected benefits including improved quality of life
- sustainability and transferability.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise their work and its impact in 50 words.
- 2 Describe the project or new way of working or sustained delivery of high-quality service initiated or delivered by the nominee. (200 words)
- 3 In what ways are patients and families involved? Include a testimonial from a service-user 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)

3 The Rising Star Award

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 in 50 words.
- 2 Have there been any personal or professional challenges that they have faced? (100 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)

4 Award for the best collaboration across clinical, academia and industry

Supported by the Health Innovation Network

This award aims to celebrate effective collaborative working across clinical settings, the academic world and industry to develop new services or streamline existing processes for the benefit of patient care. We are looking for outstanding projects or initiatives covering clinical and industry, or clinical and academic, or all three sectors; projects that demonstrate partnership working, bringing into play the perspectives, expertise and skills that the different sectors can offer.

It is open to healthcare scientists and AHPs working in any setting in the UK

Criteria

- Effective collaboration across service providers, universities and industry to create new ways of working
- Benefits for service users, services and organisations including cost effectiveness
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team working
- Evidence of service user involvement.

Submission questions

- 1 Summarise the project or initiative and the significance of the collaboration (50 words).
- 2 Now provide a fuller description of the innovation and how the partnership devised and implemented it. (200 words)
- 3 What are the outcomes and benefits in terms of patient services? (200 words)
- 4 Why was this collaboration the right one to tackle the problem or develop the innovation ? (100 words)
- 5 How have you involved service users and communities? (100 words)
- 6 How could it be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services? (100 words)

5 Award for creative and innovative practice

This award aims to attract entries from AHPs and healthcare scientists who have put fresh partnerships and alliances together to tackle new or longstanding problems in creative ways to make a real, sustainable impact on service-users and patient care in any setting.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- benefits to service users and services, including cost effectiveness
- tackling new or longstanding challenges with evidence-based solutions
- leadership, team working and partnership-building
- evidence of service user involvement
- sustainability and transferability.

Submission questions

- 1 Summarise your initiative and its impact in 50 words.
- 2 Now provide a fuller description of your project and relevant background work (200 words)
- 3 What are the outcomes and benefits to service users, and how does it provide cost-effectiveness? (200 words)
- 4 How does it demonstrate leadership, team working and partnership building skills? (100 words)
- 5 How have you involved service-users and communities? (100 words)
- 6 What is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services, and how is sustainable? (100 words)

6 Award for developing the AHP and healthcare science workforce

This new award aims to capture and disseminate the huge determination and creativity behind recent initiatives to develop and expand the AHP and healthcare science workforce. It has needed joined-up thinking and planning, clever local profession-specific ideas and use of a range of dissemination routes. This is a broad topic which encompasses education, training, recruitment, retention, diversity, apprenticeships, development of support workers, career pathways, advanced clinical practice and new ways of working.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- understanding of the UK-wide situation and how it relates nationally, regionally and locally
- a systems approach to create a coherent, deliverable strategy
- effective partnerships, alliances and media activity
- evidence of sustainable and transferable success
- key messages for others wishing to take up your ideas.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise your initiative and its impact in 50 words.
- 2 Now provide a fuller description of your strategy, activities and the context. (200 words)
- 3 What partnerships and alliances did you forge? How did you use the media? (200 words)
- 4 How have you involved communities and service-users? (100 words)
- 5 What have you achieved and how is it transferable and scalable? (100 words)
- 6 What are your key messages? (50 words)

7 Award for campaigning with power and impact

Supported by PH Affairs



This new award is to recognise the skill and success of healthcare organisations in campaigning for causes to encourage healthy living, highlight shortcomings in health provision, reduce inequalities and/or promote the unique contribution of AHPs and healthcare scientists.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- clearly defined aims and plans
- effective partnership building
- creative use of campaign materials and social media
- awareness of the broader political agenda and the healthcare landscape
- evidence of impact and continuing influence.

Submission statements

- 1 Describe your campaign and its impact in 50 words.
- 2 Now tell us more about your objectives and your action plan. (100 words)
- 3 Who did you join forces with and why? (100 words)
- 4 What were your key messages, slogans and social media approaches? (100 words)
- 5 How did you link with the broader political and healthcare agenda? (100 words)
- 6 Share your campaign evaluation and results. What are your 5 top tips? (100 words).

AWARDS OPEN TO AHPs

8 The BAPO award for evidencing impact and excellence in prosthetics and orthotics



Sponsored by the British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists

For this award we are looking for projects or services that evidence impact and excellence in prosthetics and orthotics, making a measurable difference to patient outcomes, demonstrating service-user involvement and creative and effective use of resources.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- making a measurable difference to patient outcomes
- sustainability and transferability
- leadership and team working
- creative and effective use of resources to deliver impact
- service-user involvement.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise your project and its impact in 50 words.
- 2 Now provide a fuller description of your work with evidence of impact and excellence. (200 words)
- 3 How does your service/project demonstrate creative and effective use of resources to deliver impact?
- 4 How does your project demonstrate leadership and engagement of relevant stakeholders and partners, including service-users? (100 words)
- 5 How will it be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services? (100 words)

9 The #RightToRehab award for innovation



Supported by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

The Right To Rehab campaign believes that rehabilitation should be accessible to everyone who needs it for as long as they need it. For people with long-term conditions, it enhances their quality of life. For those recovering from illness or injury, it helps them rebuild. This new award supports the campaign and is looking for services that are committed to delivering patient-centred rehabilitation closer to home by a multi-disciplinary team.

Criteria

Please provide evidence to show that that your service delivers on the following criteria:

- Care is built around the needs and goals of the patient
- It improves access for areas or populations that experienced barriers previously
- It is scalable
- It provides care closer to home
- It is delivered by a multi-disciplinary team that includes physiotherapy and has AHP leadership, ensuring the person sees the right professional at the right time
- It has measurable outcomes.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise your project/service and its significance in 50 words.
- Now provide a fuller description of your work with evidence of meeting the needs and goals of patients, including providing care closer to home. (200 words)
- Demonstrate how your project or service improves access for areas or populations that experienced barriers previously. (200 words)
- How does your project demonstrate leadership and team-working? (100 words)
- How will it be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services? (100 words)

10 Northern Ireland Government's award for clinical impact to address healthcare inequalities



This award recognizes outstanding contributions toward reducing healthcare inequalities by improving access, quality and outcomes for underserved or vulnerable populations. We are looking for initiatives that cut across sectors and agencies that demonstrate clinical impact to address social determinants of health, such as socioeconomic status, housing, education and access to preventative care laying the ground work for sustainable changes within the healthcare system, ensuring the population regardless of background or circumstance can achieve optimal health.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- leadership and partnership working
- clinical impact
- sustainability and scalability
- value for money.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise your project and its significance in 50 words.
- 2 Now provide a fuller description of your work with evidence of clinical impact. (200 words)
- 3 How does your project or service support the cost-effective achievement of reducing health inequalities e.g. increasing physical activity, reducing obesity, prevention of dementia, reduced admissions due to alcoholism, living with long term conditions? (200 words)
- 4 How does your project demonstrate leadership and engagement of relevant stakeholders and partners? (100 words)
- 5 How will it be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services? (100 words)

11 Advancing Healthcare Award for Orthoptists

Sponsored by the British and Irish Orthoptic Society



This award aims to attract entries from orthoptists based in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, who have tackled new or longstanding problems in creative ways.

You can enter this category by going to the BIOS website [here](#) and selecting to submit an entry for the Service Improvement and Innovative Practice Award. The winner of the Service Improvement and Innovative Practice Award will also win the Advancing Healthcare Award for Orthoptists.

Please note the closing date for this award is **Thursday 24 April at 5pm.**

AWARDS OPEN TO HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS

12 The NHS England Chief Scientific Officer's Award for the Outstanding Healthcare Science Service of the year



This award invites entries from healthcare science service providers operating in any setting. The judges will be looking for outstanding service provision that has scientific and technological advancements at its core and demonstrates a positive impact for patients, families and clinical teams; delivers innovation in models of care or delivery; supports a high achieving workforce to deliver high quality services and has continuous improvement and sustainability at the centre..

It is open to healthcare scientists working in any setting in the UK.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Positive impact for patients, families and clinical service users and service quality improvement
- Embraces scientific and technological advances
- Innovation in models of delivery or service transformation
- Effective business planning, financial viability and effectiveness
- High quality service provision to support clinical care
- Motivated healthcare science workforce inclusive of demonstrating opportunities for career development to support service delivery
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team working.

Submission questions

- 1 Summarise the service and its achievements (50 words).
- 2 Provide a fuller description of the service delivery or transformation innovations and service quality improvements (200 words)
- 3 How has the service demonstrated outcomes and benefits for patients, families, clinical service users? (200 words)
- 4 In what ways have you transformed the service and developed your workforce? (100 words)
- 5 How does the service contribute to Healthcare Science leadership and team development ? (100 words)
- 6 How could the improvements be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across Healthcare Science organisations or services? (100 words)

13 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)

14 The lightbulb moment: The award for driving forward patient safety

Sponsored by The Academy for Healthcare Science



This award aims to attract entries and nominations from healthcare scientists, clinical research practitioners and life science industry representatives who had a 'lightbulb moment' those who can describe how they brought into play innovative approaches to long-standing problems or found unconventional solutions to unexpected challenges, or through registration and regulation they can show how this enhanced patient safety and how it inspired others? It is open to healthcare scientists, CRPs and LSI representatives working in any setting in the UK.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Enhanced patient safety
- Benefits for service users, services and organisations including cost effectiveness
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team working
- Evidence of service user involvement, a vision.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise the achievement and its significance in 50 words.
- 2 Now provide a fuller description and relevant background work (200 words)
- 3 What are the outcomes and benefits in terms of patient safety? (200 words)
- 4 How does it demonstrate leadership and team working skills? (100 words)
- 5 How have you involved service users and communities? (100 words)
- 6 How could it be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services? (100 words)

15 My inspiration: The AHCS Award for the most inspiring leader

Sponsored by The Academy for Healthcare Science



Who inspired you to be the best that you can be? We are inviting you to nominate a healthcare science leader who has been an inspiration to you at any stage of your career. To make a nomination you must be a registrant on a part of the AHCS register, or on one of our directories, or who has successfully been through equivalence, or who is an associate or fellow of the Academy for Health Care Science.

Criteria

This is an open award with no rigid criteria, so tell us your story and the part this person played in it. It could be the inspiration to seek a career in healthcare science, or as a Clinical Research Practitioner or in the Life Science Industry. They may have helped you to seek a particular qualification or apply for a specific post or become involved in an ambitious project. It could be the person who got you moving again after you felt stuck in your career, or someone who helped you through a difficult period of your life.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise how this person inspired you. (50 words)
- 2 Tell us in more detail the encouragement and inspiration this person gave you? (100 words)
- 3 What difference did it make to your career? (100 words)
- 4 How did they inspire you to develop your own leadership skills (100 words)



Award organisers:

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