

ADVANCING HEALTHCARE AWARDS NORTHERN IRELAND 2025



THE SHORTLIST

Award for Creative and Innovative Practice

"The day we went to Bangor..." House 10 – From a Hospital to a Home

Clare Sheridan-Henry, Lead Occupational Therapist - Mental Health & Resettlement Project Lead, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust and the House 10 Staff Team

Establishing a Primary Care multidisciplinary pain review clinic

Leanne Holmes and Janet Eves, First Contact Physiotherapists, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Neurophysiology resources for empowering patients with complex needs

Susannah Hill, Deputy Manager and Healthcare Scientist in Neurophysiology, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Narrowing the search – Maternity and Paediatric equipment within the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Orla Morrow, Clinical Practice Lead (Acute Care), Northern Ireland Ambulance Service



Award for Excellence in Cancer Care

Sponsored by Macmillan Cancer Support

Delivering a model of equitable patient-centred prehabilitation for people living with cancer across Northern Ireland

Kelly Carolan, Macmillan NICAN Regional Pathway Integration Lead, Strategic Planning and Performance Group and the collaborative team across the PHA, South Eastern, Southern, Northern, Western and Belfast Health and Social Care Trusts, 11 District Councils and Macmillan Cancer Support

Radiotherapy prostate prehab team

Sarah Jane Flynn and Denise Crone, Urology Clinical Site Specialist Radiographers, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

'Tube Fed, Home Led'

Sarah Jayne Faloon, Clinical Specialist Head & Neck Oncology Dietitian, Northern Ireland Cancer Centre, Belfast City Hospital, and the Head & Neck team at Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Award for Excellence in a Support Role

Stephen Grainger

Physiotherapy assistant, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Ronan Leyden

Administrative Officer and Therapy Assistant for the Regional Functional Electrical Stimulation Service, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Kelsey Knowles

Dietetic Assistant Practitioner, Northern Health and Social Care Trust



Award for Outstanding Leadership

Sponsored by the Institute of Biomedical Science

My Heart Skips a Beat –

a new initiative to reduce the waiting times for a Cardiac Monitor to be fitted

David Moorhead, Senior Chief Cardiac Physiologist, Noel Black, Principal Cardiac Physiologist, and the team at South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Making Dreams Possible with CPAP Therapy

Gemma Moss, Chief Respiratory Physiologist and all the team at South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

‘No Show, Know Why’ – DNA as a signal for action

Ashling McElvanna, Principal Podiatrist, Jennifer Madden, Consultant Podiatrist, and the podiatry team at Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Refocus Every Hour to Achieve Better (REHAB) –

how the Belfast Trust Community rehab team enhanced rehab delivery to clients

Elaine Monan, Clinical Lead Physiotherapist, Emma Corrigan, Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist, and Craig Ballentine-Kearns, Operational Manager, Community Rehab Service, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Award for Outstanding Service Delivery

by an AHP or Healthcare Scientist Working Outside the NHS

'A Breath of Fresh Care'. - Transforming access to early respiratory diagnostics

Melissa Traynor, Respiratory Physiologist, Southern GP Federation

Buddy Chat

Sue McBride, Policy Advisor, Ruth Sedgewick, Speech and Language Therapist and Head of NI Office, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and Angela Murphy, Speech and Language Therapist, Consultant for the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

Beyond the session: embedding therapeutic practice in school culture

Stuart Watson, Music Therapist, Make a Melody

Julianne Dickenson

Specialist Weight Management Dietitian, Solutions Weight Management by Julianne



Award for Partnership Working in Public Health

Sponsored by Public Health Agency

‘Better Days Pain Support Programme’ –

An interdisciplinary, community development approach to chronic pain

*Heather McFarlane, AHP Consultant and Co-Chair of Better Days, Public Health Agency;
Tony Doherty, Regional Co-Ordinator, Healthy Living Centre Alliance and the collaborative and
Co-Chair of Better Days*

Connect with me

Seána Kerr, Lead Speech and Language Therapist for SureStart (Belfast Health and Social Care Trust), and Tracey Ripley-McElvogue, SureStart Co-Ordinator, and the full team at East Belfast SureStart

Supporting the welfare needs of Ambulance Service patients: a collaborative approach to prehospital safeguarding and Social Prescribing in Northern Ireland

*Des Flannagan, Head of Safeguarding, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and
Ciara McClements, Service Manager, Connected Community Hub, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust*



Award for Service Improvement

Sponsored by the HSC Clinical Education Centre, Business Services Organisation

Sleep easy – A service redesign to support new CPAP users in managing their sleep apnoea with improved therapy compliance

*Charlene Kearney, Head of Clinical Physiology, and the team
at Northern Health and Social Care Trust*

The CoreLIMS Project transforms NI laboratory systems, enhancing patient care

The CoreLIMS team at Business Services Organisation

Inhale the future, exhale the past

*Niall Totten, Senior Chief Sleep Physiologist and Clare McMahon, Chief Sleep Physiologist,
Mater Hospital, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust*

The Paediatric Complex Needs Physiotherapy Team

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

The Virtual Fatigue Management Programme for Clients Living With MS

*Nuala McIvor, Advanced Practitioner Occupational Therapist Neurology Outpatient Service,
and the team at Northern Health and Social Care Trust*



Award for Masters Clinical Research

Sponsored by the School of Health Sciences, Ulster University

The question of sexual dysfunction during cauda equina screening: the views of Advanced Practice Physiotherapists

Suzanne Johnston, Advanced Practice Physiotherapist, Southern Health and Social Care Trust, Shane Collins, Lecturer Physiotherapy, and Dr Joanne Marley, Lecturer Physiotherapy, Ulster University

Artificial Intelligence in Videofluoroscopy and Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing analysis

Alison Keys, AHP Lead for Workforce, Education and Regulation, Department of Health Northern Ireland, Dr Orla Duffy, Speech and Language Therapy Research Lead, Ulster University, Rosalind Rogers, School of Health Sciences, Ulster University and Dr Clare Rainey, Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy, University College Cork



Outstanding Paramedic Science Undergraduate of the Year

Sponsored by the School of Health Sciences, Ulster University

Kristina McDaid

Paramedic Science Undergraduate (Year 3), Ulster University

Dearbhla Cunningham

Paramedic Science Undergraduate (Year 3), Ulster University

Jonah Ditty & Lily Hamill

Paramedic Science Undergraduates (Year 1), Ulster University

Rising Star Award

Jennifer Ramsbottom

Specialist Dietitian, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Meg Minihane

Specialist Dietitian, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Kathy Donaghy-Smith

Podiatry Assistant Practitioner, Primary Care and Older Peoples Service South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Aoife Campbell

Community Occupational Therapist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Fiona Harris

Occupational Therapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Claire Tuohey

Occupational Therapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Emma-Jane Simpson

Clinical Scientist (Respiratory and Sleep Physiology), Southern Health and Social Care Trust



Military Medical Professional of the Year

Sponsored by 38 (Irish) Brigade & Joint Military Command (Northern Ireland)

To be announced at the ceremony

Award Nominated by a Patient or Service User

To be announced at the ceremony



Outstanding Undergraduate of the Year

Sponsored by the School of Health Sciences, Ulster University

To be announced at the ceremony



The Patricia Blackburn award for Significant Contribution and Achievement

Sponsored by HSC Leadership Centre

To be announced at the ceremony