



The Northern Ireland Advancing Healthcare awards 2016

Winners guide



Congratulations to all our winners and finalists, this winner's guide gives a flavour of this year's shortlisted entries to the awards programme for AHPs in Northern Ireland. Our own Advancing Healthcare Awards 2016 has been over 12 months in the planning and preparation taking place alongside our annual conference 'building on the best'. The work described here shows the wealth of talent that we have in our midst.

Some doubted that there were enough of you prepared to come forward and tell us about your work. But by the closing date we had over 80 entries, with an impressive spread across the professions under the AHP umbrella. The shortlisting judges had their work cut out to select those to go forward to an action packed judging day in December. The judges we were impressed by the high standard, the creativity and the enthusiasm in the presentations. A great thank you to both the judges and the Clinical Education Centre who hosted the event for us.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our sponsors who were courageous enough to back this venture. We are most grateful to them for making both the awards programme, the celebration dinner and the professional conference possible.

So far so good, but it's not the end of the story. We have started to raise the profile of AHPs and provide a greater understanding of how this group of professionals contributes to high quality patient care. We must build on this and the examples set out here are an important resource to use to promote innovation and best practice.



Hazel Winning
AHP Lead Officer,
DHSSPS



**TEN
YEARS
CELEBRATING
ACHIEVEMENT
2006-2016**



And the winner is...

'Creating the conditions'

The Macmillan award for rethinking the patient pathway

WINNER & OVERALL WINNER

Janet Eagle and Helena Kinkaid
Southern Health and Social Care Trust

An Innovative Approach to a Radiographer-Led Hysterosalpingogram (HSG) Service for Women with Fertility Problems

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A HSG examination is an intimately invasive, emotionally and psychologically challenging diagnostic procedure that is the front line test for infertility in women. We embarked on a stringent in-house training programme to perform and report HSG examinations under the guidance of our Consultant Radiologist. The introduction of this trail blazing radiographer-led HSG service is a leading light initiative within the Southern Trust. The implementation of this service has successfully reduced waiting lists for HSG examinations from 14 weeks to zero weeks and at the same time maintaining safe, high quality of care for the women and affording best use of resources.

FINALISTS



Karen Canning and Judith Mitchell
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust
Mobilising a Community Based Workforce
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Mandy Gilmore and Elizabeth O'Connor
Southern Health and Social Care Trust
'Health Call' Under Nutrition service – Helping the Nutrition and Dietetic Service meet changing needs.
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'Giving every child the best start in Life'

The Leckey award for AHPs in children's services

WINNER

Lisa Campbell and Kate McShane
Western Health and Social Care Trust

Establishing a role for Occupational Therapy within the NICU



This project was designed to create a service developing a role for the occupational therapist within the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in Altnagelvin and a follow on therapy service in the community. Overall outcomes include improved standards of practice, better positioning of the babies and improved parental confidence and interaction.

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FINALISTS
Julia Maskery and Catherine Glover
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Reaching Out: A clinically led OT initiative to upper limb management in children with CP
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Alison Mounstephen and Kathryn McCrey
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Get Sporty

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'Empowering healthy living'

The Public Health Agency award for contributions to public health

WINNER

Felicity Dickson and Anita Harron
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Development of a common training course for classroom assistants



The CIDS team has developed an accredited training course (OCNNI level 2) for classroom assistants. It aims to up-skill classroom assistants in helping children at a universal level providing early support for children who may be struggling or hard to reach and prevent the need for referral to specialist services.

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FINALISTS
Kevin Campbell and Nicola Arbuckle
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Cancer Rehabilitation Physical Activity Programme
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Michelle Toland and Pat Cusick
Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Regional weigh to a healthy pregnancy programme
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'Developing collaboration'

The Health and Social Care Board award for inspiring the next generation of AHPs

WINNER

Angela Crocker and Suzanne Smith

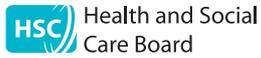
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

eating, drinking and Swallowing eLearning



Swallowing difficulties, also known as dysphagia, is a leading cause of avoidable death. This project enabled the creation of the first eLearning in Northern Ireland on eating, drinking and swallowing. It revises knowledge of swallowing and awareness of the risks associated with dysphagia to keep people safe while eating and drinking.

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FINALISTS

Tara Davison and Julie Mullen
Southern Health and Social Care Trust



Developing the AHP Support Workforce
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Stacey Hetherington and Gill Hodges
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust



A professional development strategy for the Therapeutic Radiography workforce
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'Equipped throughout life'

The Mangar award for initiatives to encourage everyday independent living

WINNER

Karen Walls

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

GPS for persons with dementia



This project was developed to issue global positioning systems to individuals who enjoyed going for walks on a regular basis but because of their dementia either the client or the carer had raised some concerns about safety. All service users and carers issued with GPS benefited from it giving it a rating of five out of five.

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FINALISTS

Vanessa McMinn and Wendy Murray
Southern Health and Social Care Trust



X-PERT Diabetes, Structured Patient Education for People with Type 2 Diabetes
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Linda Hyde and Lorraine Ringland
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust



Bridging the gap
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'Empowering the communities'

The DHSSPSNI award for new approaches to health and well-being, working with communities

WINNER

Lorraine Coulter and Anne McKeever

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Schools Speech and Language Therapy Project



Funding was secured through Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal to set up a school-based SLT service in 2012. This has resulted in 100% access to the service, waiting times of 2 weeks for assessment compared to 9-13 weeks in clinic, improved outcomes and increased parental engagement.

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FINALISTS

Annabelle Ferguson and Philomena Cleary
Western Health & Social Care Trust



Now You're Talking Fermanagh
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Ciaran McKenna and Cathy McKeown
Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and Southern Health & Social Care Trust



Falls referral
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The Ulster University Rising star award

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Natalie Irwin
Reablement Occupational Therapist
Belfast HSCT

Natalie is an outstanding occupational therapist who never accepts an easy option and always rises to challenges put to her. Natalie is proactive in the development of the relatively new reablement service and has been involved in many initiatives.



Melanie Sheenan
Senior Occupational Therapist
Southern HSCT

Melanie, as the lone OT at the Memory Centre, has worked brilliantly to help people living with dementia. She thrives on creative problem solving and intuitively implements service improvement methodology on a day-to-day basis.



Carmel Fitzpatrick
Podiatrist
South Eastern HSCT

Carmel shows outstanding dedication and exceptional levels of competence. Her ingenuity in instigating a small but highly innovative change to the service to GP diabetic clinics has had a huge impact on patient care.

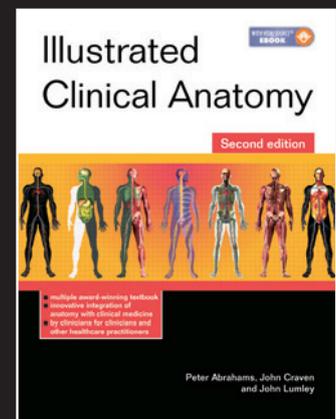
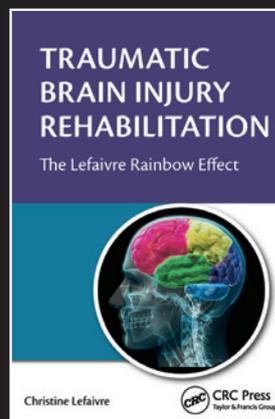
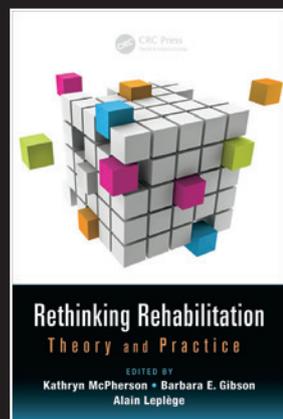
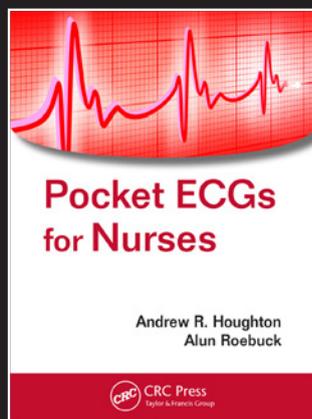
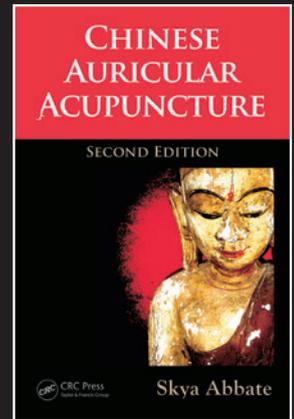
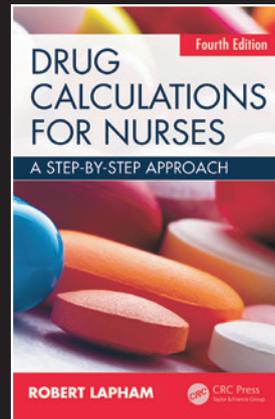
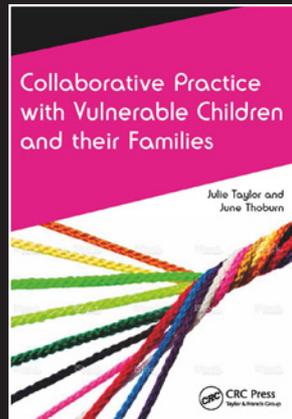
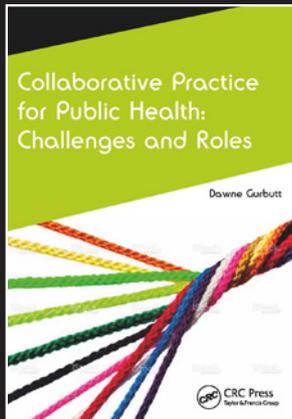
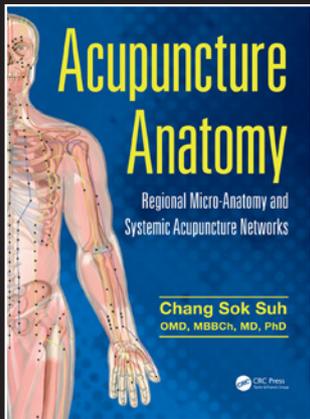
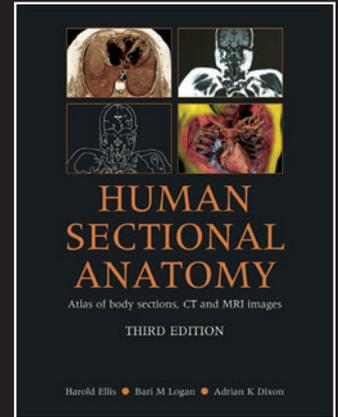
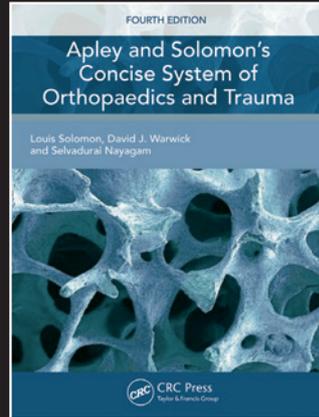
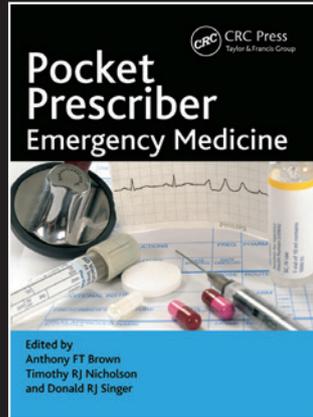
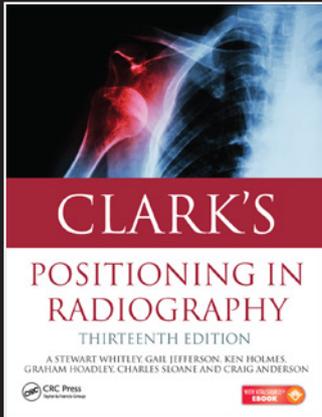


Lisa Lafferty
Acute Dietitian
Northern HSCT

Lisa is a wonderful people-person, passionate about dietetics and her patients. Lisa's enthusiasm and attitude has been infectious. Her acquired knowledge has given her a sought-after skill-set which she will be able to apply in all aspects of her life and career.

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