



# THE ADVANCING HEALTHCARE AWARDS 2021

## INFORMATION SHEET: THE AWARDS AND HOW TO ENTER

Launching the 2021 Advancing Healthcare Awards for allied health professionals, healthcare scientists, and those who work alongside them.



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**Innovation | Creativity | Leadership | Compassion**

**Key dates:**

**Awards launch:** December 2020

**Closing date for entries:** 15 March

**2021 Judging:** early April

**Awards ceremony:** 21 May 2021

**We are delighted to invite entries to the 2021 Advancing Healthcare awards.**

With the COVID-19 pandemic still dominating our lives, we have made the entry process as simple as possible. Our ESTEEM gallery running from April to September captured the remarkable work that AHPs and healthcare scientists have been doing during the pandemic and we expect that some of these will flow through into our mainstream awards programme. But we welcome nominations and projects of any kind from throughout the UK.

**The awards aim to:**

- Identify 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 professional aspirations and political aspirations
- 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 category one which is for 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](http://www.AHAwards.co.uk) and follow the **ENTER NOW** links.

The submission deadline for entries is 17:00 15 March 2021

## AWARDS OPEN TO BOTH AHPs AND HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS

NHS Employers award for outstanding achievement by an AHP or healthcare science apprentice, support worker or technician



The Welsh Government's award for value based care: making best use of resources to maximise outcomes



Rising Star award sponsored by Chamberlain Dunn



## AWARDS OPEN TO HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS ONLY

The Viapath award for innovation in healthcare science



Scottish Government's award for driving improvement, delivering results



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



The Academy for Healthcare Science award for outstanding achievement by a Clinical Research Practitioner



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



## AWARDS OPEN TO AHPs ONLY

The AHP clinical leadership award sponsored by Attend Anywhere



Chroma award for innovation in neurorehabilitation in association with INPA (Independent Neurorehabilitation Providers Alliance)



The award for reform and rebuild of health and social care services post COVID 19 sponsored by the Department of Health NI



Faculty of Public Health and Public Health England award for contributions to public health in association with AHPs4PH



The Scottish Government award for Improving quality; measuring and demonstrating impact



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 AHP or healthcare science apprentice, support worker or technician.**

*Sponsored by NHS Employers*

High performing teams will recognise the contributions and strengths of individual members. In this award, NHS Employers wants to celebrate the positive contribution to patient outcomes made by apprentices, support workers, assistants and technicians working within an AHP or healthcare science service.

Have you changed how you do things and this has made a difference to the quality of life of your patients, how your teamwork and you know it can be sustained? 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. Describe the project, or fresh approach or new way of working, initiated by the apprentice, support worker or technician. (200 words)
2. In what ways are patients and families involved? Include a testimonial from a patient if possible. (100 words)
3. What has been the improvement to patient outcomes or quality of life? (100 words)
4. What measures have been taken to ensure it is adapted and sustained? (50 words)
5. 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 he or she 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 and healthcare scientists 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, sustainable and transparent use of resources
- Making a difference to patient outcomes
- Sustainability and transferability

### Submission questions

1. Describe your project and any relevant background to your work. (no more than 200 words)
2. Outline how your project maximises value in the use of resources including sustainability of your project. (no more than 150 words)
3. Outline how this is innovative, delivers improved outcomes and benefits and is transferable to other organisations. (no more than 150 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 his or her 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 he or she has faced? (50 words)
3. In what specific ways has this person matured professionally? (50 words)
4. What do colleagues, managers and patients say about him or her? (50 words)
5. How does this person show promise for the future? (50 words)

## Awards open to healthcare scientists only

### The Viapath Award for innovation in healthcare science



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

### The Scottish Government's award for driving improvement, delivering results

*Sponsored by the Scottish Government*



This award is for healthcare scientists working anywhere in the UK who have demonstrated their expertise to drive improvement and maximise the contribution of healthcare science. The ambition is to deliver sustainable and coherent teams and services that promote the overall NHS Scotland's ambitions of improving quality, safety and patient experiences of care. This delivery leads to increasing the health of the population, ensuring equity and best value of resources.

**Criteria:**

- Leadership and team working
- Measurable impact
- Sustainability and transferability
- Making a difference to patient/client care and/or staff experience

**Submission statements**

1. Describe your project, its significance, your improvement work, and any relevant background information and supporting evidence. (200 words)
2. Outline the outcomes and benefits including sustainability of your improvement work. (100 words)
3. Outline how your improvement work demonstrates leadership and team working skills. (100 words)
4. Outline how your improvement work is innovative, making a difference to patient care, and is transferable to other organisations. (100 words)

**The 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 you been taken to ensure the innovations 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 award for outstanding achievement by a Clinical Research Practitioner

*Sponsored by the Academy for Healthcare Science*



This award celebrates exceptional Clinical Research Practitioners (CRPs) who have contributed to research delivery programmes in an innovative and impactful way, which will make a real difference to people's lives while inspiring those around them.

CRPs work in research delivery roles that involve direct contact with patients, or other study participants, in a clinical environment or another health and social care setting. They bring a wealth of research knowledge and expertise to research delivery teams, working alongside nurses and others to deliver safe, ethical and high quality clinical research care.

Nominees must be on the CRP Directory; 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).

## 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).

Are you/they an IBMS member?

yes/no

## Awards open to AHPs only

### The AHP clinical leadership award

*Sponsored by Attend Anywhere*



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:

1. Vision and drive for their AHP -led service
2. Initiative and responsibility
3. Commitment and resilience
4. 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. Your/their commitment and resilience to continue to lead and develop the service (100 words)
4. The effectiveness of your/their clinical leadership in enhancing the quality of patient care (100 words)

### Chroma award for innovation in neurorehabilitation

*Sponsored by Chroma in association with INPA  
(Independent Neurorehabilitation Providers Alliance)*



This award aims to find and showcase AHPs including creative arts therapists in England, working in neurorehabilitation settings in the independent, NHS or third sectors. These AHPs will use innovative clinical, commissioning and treatment partnerships to create approaches and ways of working which deliver innovation in neurorehabilitation, especially during the COVID pandemic.

The award seeks to champion AHPs, including creative arts therapists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists and speech and language therapists among others who work together in neurorehabilitation settings, enabling patients to re-frame their relationship with their own neurorehabilitation.

### Criteria:

- Innovative approaches within neurorehabilitation that improve client experience and outcomes
- Collaborative delivery that champions a team approach
- Re-framing patient relationships with their rehabilitation, therapy and self-care
- Methodological thinking that links to Quality Improvement (QI) pathways and/or inspection criteria,
- Economically efficient, clinically effective, scalability of vision .

### Submission statements:

1. Describe your project, your team and any relevant background work and supporting evidence. Show how you analysed the problem, were innovative in your neurorehabilitation approaches, and started to find a collaborative solution (200 words)
2. Outline the impact of the project and the outcome measures you used to capture the impact of your innovative thinking and approach (100 words)
3. What were the risks you took? What worked and what didn't? What lessons did you learn? (50 words)
4. Describe how your project/your approach could be developed and sustained, and the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations. Include reference to value for money. (100 words)
5. Outline how your project/your work has increased best practise and innovated within your neurorehabilitation organisation and/or work. (50 words)

### The 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. Describe your project and any relevant background to your work. (200 words)
2. Outline the outcomes and benefits including sustainability of your project. (150 words)
3. Outline how your project demonstrates leadership and team working skills. (50 words)
4. 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 Faculty of Public Health and Public Health England award for contributions to public health

*Sponsored by the Faculty of Public Health and Public Health England in association with AHPs4PH*



The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) and Public Health England (PHE) seek to recognise allied health professionals 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
- Supports PHE prevention priorities: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/all-our-health-personalised-care-and-population-health>
- Supports FPH's values for best practice and professional standards in public health and relates to the Public Health Skills & Knowledge Framework (PHSKF):

### Submission statements

1. Describe your project, its significance, any relevant background work and supporting evidence. (200 words)
2. Outline how your project demonstrates leadership and engagement of relevant stakeholders and partners (50 words)
3. Include how your project supports achievement of one of PHE priorities from All Our Health and how it uses best practice and professional standards in public health. (100 words).
4. Outline the impact of the project, your evaluation framework, and the outcome measures you used (100 words)
5. Describe how your project will be sustained and the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations. (50 words)

## The Scottish Government's award for improving quality: measuring and demonstrating impact

*Sponsored by the Scottish Government*



This award seeks to recognise AHPs working anywhere in the UK, who have transformed a service or services and in doing so can demonstrate an improved patient and staff experience. You need therefore to have had time to evaluate the innovation fully and to have modified the service appropriately. You should also be able to demonstrate that the transformed service is delivered in a way that improves the quality of patient care and must prove what you have achieved is sustainable.

### 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. Describe your project, and any relevant background to your work. (200 words)
2. Outline the outcomes and benefits including sustainability of your project. (100 words)
3. Outline how your project demonstrates leadership and team working skills. (100 words)
4. Outline how your project makes a difference to patient care, has evidence of service user involvement, and is transferable to other organisations. (100 words)

## Overall winner

The overall winner is chosen from the category winners.

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