



## Media release

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# Announcing the winners of the Advancing Healthcare Awards 2021

The winners of the 2021 Awards represent the outstanding work that allied health professionals and healthcare scientists have achieved during the pandemic and its aftermath. The awards were presented on 21 May 2021 at a virtual ceremony and the results can be viewed [here](#).

For AHPs, the overall winner is Joanne McKee, who is the lead at the Whiteabbey Nightingale rehabilitation unit, near Belfast. She played a key part in rapidly setting up the unit for patients post-COVID and achieving a reputation for effective team working to help people to recover from the virus.

For healthcare scientists, the overall winner is Basit Abdul and the Global Clinical Engineering Day team whose video captured the work of clinical engineers especially during the pandemic, inspiring healthcare scientists of the future.

The work of AHPs in Northern Ireland was particularly prominent this year: they achieved 11 finalists, four category winners, the overall AHP winner and two Rising Stars.

The Advancing Healthcare Awards is a unique awards programme which recognises, celebrates and rewards the work of allied health professionals, healthcare scientists and those who work alongside them in support roles.

The 2021 awards, now in their seventeenth year, launched in December at the end of a year when allied health professionals and healthcare scientists and the work that they do really took centre-stage. Entries closed in February and we were delighted to receive so many high quality submissions, particularly at a such a busy and challenging time.

More information about the awards can be found at [www.ahawards.co.uk/uk/](http://www.ahawards.co.uk/uk/) and you can follow us on Twitter [@AHAwards](https://twitter.com/AHAwards) for updates. The ceremony is available to view on the website.

Organised by Chamberlain Dunn, these UK-wide Awards recognise and reward projects and professionals that lead innovative healthcare practice and make a real difference to patients' lives in the healthcare science and allied health professions.

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