

The Academy for Healthcare Science award for Clinical Research Practitioner Leadership

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Clinical Research Practitioners (CRPs) have an important role in the delivery of high quality clinical research. The continued development of career development, support and recognition of the role are all priorities as the CRP profession becomes an established part of the health and social care workforce. This year's award will focus on leadership and provide an opportunity to recognise the contribution of individual CRPs in enabling the development of the profession.

Nominations are welcome from individual CRPs who can demonstrate how they have supported the development of the CRP role. This could include, but is not limited to, educational initiatives and workforce innovation such as role redesign, promoting understanding of the role, the continuing professional development of CRPs and activities that enable the development of the CRP Community.

Nominees must be on the CRP Directory or Register; 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)

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

KEY DATES

Awards launch: September 2021

Closing date for entries: 11 Jan 2022

Judging: February 2022

Celebration Lunch: London 8 April 2022

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2021 WINNER AND FINALISTS

WINNER

Tracey Collishaw, Clinical Research Practitioner, Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust

In one of the toughest years, Tracey has gone above and beyond to keep her team in high spirits and to innovate her normal practice to meet the new demands of the virtual world. She manages and engages our ENRICH network, building a rapport with more than 50 care homes. During lockdown she has supported forums to go virtual; increased the frequency of newsletters and arranged check in calls with the managers. She has taken a creative approach to promotion and being able to continue recruitment in lockdown; she uses social media including the staff Facebook page and Twitter to keep research on the agenda.

Tracey is exceptionally passionate about dementia research and manages a project that engages all GPs in the county to sign up to be JDR Champions. She offers dementia friend sessions as an innovative way to help discussion about research. She has presented both face-to-face (before lockdown) and virtually at GP team meetings, to care homes, at big promotional events such as Lincolnshire show.

“The judges said that Tracey was a passionate leader who goes above and beyond. She has delivered change and innovation within dementia research, an under represented area, by engaging across systems and working to break down or navigate around barriers. She role models not only excellent leadership skills but also influencing skills which enable her to be a real pioneer in her role.”

FINALISTS



Amy Clark, Senior Research Practitioner, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

Over the past year Amy has adapted to working on complex clinical trials investigating treatments for COVID-19. She has quickly evolved to understand critical care research, and has created unforgettable bonds with patients along the way. Amy has been successful in recruiting patients into clinical trials as well as providing reassurance and compassion to the patients they are involved with. She has achieved so much over the past year.

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Atiqa Begum Miah, Clinical Trials Practitioner, Barts Health NHS Trust

Atiqa has a wide-range of research experience and an academic background in psychology with a dynamically holistic approach. She has a genuine enthusiasm to deliver research and make a collaborative and positive difference to people's lives. During the pandemic she has shown leadership and teamworking skills. She has been volunteering to help with the running of urgent COVID-19 studies, managing her time between multiple roles and working with a team of clinicians and data managers

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