

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

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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 been taken to ensure the innovation's 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)

Entries must be submitted online via the website forms – go to [www.AHAwards.co.uk/uk/](http://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

**Global Clinical Engineering Day Team,  
Basit Abdul and NHS Trusts in the UK**

The team acted quickly to produce an excellent '[Global Clinical Engineering Day' video](#). This became the UK's contribution to an international celebraion, at a time where the profession was under pressure to deliver support to the pandemic response.

The approach taken, the number of organisations, and the quality of the output were all innovative, and stood out versus previous contributions from the UK. Many contributed, but Basit in particular had to drive this exercise forward and was crucial in making this happen. The feedback can be seen in the YouTube comments, but also in the discussion of the video across the regional and national clinical engineering networks that formed to coordinate pandemic response.

The video was a series of vignettes that can be split down and used for professional awareness, educational material and marketing. This was a deliberate and considerate decision by the team, and meant that Clinical Engineers across the country will be able to make use of the content for years to come. By featuring contributions across the country, it shows a breadth of perspectives that makes the content transferable. It was also designed to introduce lay audiences to the work of Clinical Engineers.

“ The judges thought this was a highly innovative initiative, which was wide reaching both inside and outside of his immediate field. Basit showed considerable leadership in developing the film and using the opportunity to raise the profile of clinical engineering within his own Trust and beyond. ”

## FINALISTS



### Transfusion Laboratory Services

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

The Nightingale Hospital North West is a temporary field hospital, built and run by the NHS and the military. The Transfusion service was asked to supply on-site O D Negative red cells for emergency blood provision and developed a quick, creative and safe way to bring the blood closer to the patients. This solution was Golden Hour TM Technology, originally designed for the military to protect temperature sensitive components in the battlefield. Each Credo Cube was 'Blood provision in a box,' contained giving sets and all documentation and information about transfusion, traceability, transfer and investigation of a transfusion reaction.

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### Dr James Willis,

Lead in Echocardiography and HSST trainee,

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

James is an inspirational healthcare scientist. He worked as a cardiology clinical tutor for the local University for many years, demonstrating inspirational teaching and clinical standards while employed as a full-time cardiac physiologist. James leads the team from the front, setting exceptional standards and continues to show repeated improvements in the service and care. James' professionalism, dedication to the team is second to none; he leads with compassion, science and research at the front of all he delivers.

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