

Advancing Healthcare Awards 2024

For allied health professionals and healthcare scientists and those who work alongside them.

Information sheet

KEY DATES

Closing date: 2 February 2024

Virtual Judging Panels: w/c 11 March
w/c 18 March

Ceremony: Friday 26 April, Victoria Park Plaza, London

Award organisers:

Chamberlain Dunn is an award-winning communications company which, for the past 26 years, has helped public, voluntary and charitable sector organisations reach their key audiences to deliver strong and effective messages. We plan and deliver campaigns that encompass branding, logos, marketing materials, media and social media activity, and events of all kinds – live, virtual or hybrid. Our awards programmes include the Advancing Healthcare Awards for AHPs and healthcare scientists, HPMA Excellence in People Awards, Social Prescribing Network Awards, Innovation awards for the UK Public Health Register and many others



We are delighted to invite entries to the 2024 Advancing Healthcare awards. AHPs and healthcare scientists demonstrated so clearly throughout the challenges of the pandemic how they are leaders of innovation and are well placed to respond to new opportunities and challenges. The Advancing Healthcare Awards is an annual event that celebrates best practice, innovation and leadership.

Have a look at the categories and see where your project might fit. You can be working in any setting in the UK, the NHS, charity, private sector or self-employed. We are particularly keen to encourage people from a wide range of diverse backgrounds to enter the awards.

The Awards aim to:

- Identify and share 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 the crucial contribution of AHPs and healthcare scientists in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation
- To meet the expectations of the sponsoring and supporting organisations.

Criteria and submission statements 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 categories which specifically include 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/uk and follow the **ENTER NOW** links.

The submission deadline for entries is **Friday 2 February**.

AWARDS OPEN TO BOTH AHPs AND HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS

1. The Welsh Government's award for value-based care: maximising the expertise of healthcare scientists and allied health professionals to improve patient outcomes
2. The award for outstanding achievement by an apprentice, support worker or nonregistered technician in an AHP or healthcare science service
3. Rising Star award sponsored by Chamberlain Dunn
4. Award for Creative and Innovative Practice



AWARDS OPEN TO HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS

5. Award for the best collaboration across clinical, academia and industry
6. Biomedical Scientist of the Year award, sponsored by the Institute of Biomedical Science
7. The Academy for Healthcare Science award for Innovative practice to enhance patient safety
8. The Academy for Healthcare Science award to recognise emerging leaders in healthcare science
9. The NHS England Chief Scientific Officer's Award for the Outstanding Healthcare Science Service of the year



AWARDS OPEN TO AHPs

10. British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists award for inspirational innovators in prosthetics and orthotics
11. The AHP clinical leadership award
12. The Northern Ireland Government's award for Partnering, Leading, Shaping to improve population health



OVERALL WINNER:

13. The judges select the overall winner from the category winners.

THE AWARDS IN DETAIL

AWARDS OPEN TO BOTH AHPS AND HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS

1 The Welsh Government's award for value-based care: maximising the expertise of healthcare scientists and allied health professionals to improve patient outcomes



This award is open to allied health professionals, healthcare scientists and their support workforce 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 making a measurable difference to people's outcomes
- evidence of equitable, creative and effective use of resources to deliver impact
- evidence the value of the healthcare science and/or allied health professionals' skills in delivering the service or evaluation.
- evaluation of how the service/innovation will be sustained, learning shared and mainstreamed.

Submission statements

- 1 Describe your project, including why it was needed, and what it aimed to achieve (up to 150 words)
- 2 Provide evidence of how and why decisions were made about using resources equitably and effectively to deliver impact (e.g. previous research, population data, targeted intervention, partnership working) (up to 175 words)
- 3 Evidence how high value from AHP/HCS skills was obtained and provide data to show the impact on patient outcomes (250 words)
- 4 Provide a brief summary of the learning gained from evaluating the service/innovation, and key actions for others seeking to implement it (150 words)

2 The award for outstanding achievement by an apprentice, support worker or non-registered technician in an AHP or healthcare science service

This award is open to apprentices, support workers, assistants or non-registered technicians working with allied health professionals and/or in healthcare science services. We want to celebrate the positive contribution that support roles make to patient outcomes and the teams they work in. Have you changed how you do things and has this made a difference to the quality of life of your patients? Have you implemented a sustainable change that has made an impact in your team? 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

- 1 Summarise the project and its significance in 50 words.
- 2 Describe the project, or fresh approach or new way of working, initiated by the apprentice, support worker or non-registered technician. (200 words)
- 3 In what ways are patients and families involved? Include a testimonial from a patient if possible. (100 words)
- 4 What has been the improvement to patient outcomes or quality of life? (100 words)
- 5 What measures have been taken to ensure it is adapted and sustained within your team? (50 words)
- 6 How will this solution be used by other services or departments? (50 words)

3 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 their 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 they have faced? (50 words)
- 3 In what specific ways has this person matured professionally? (50 words)
- 4 What do colleagues, managers and patients say about them? (50 words)
- 5 How does this person show promise for the future? (50 words)

4 Award for Creative and Innovative Practice

This award aims to attract entries from AHPs and healthcare scientists who have put fresh partnerships and alliances together to tackle new or longstanding problems in creative ways. It is open to AHPs, including those in the arts therapies, and healthcare scientists, working in any setting in the UK.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Expected benefits for service users, services and organisations including cost effectiveness
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team working
- Making a difference to service user care
- Evidence of service user involvement.

Submission questions

- 1 Summarise your project and its significance (50 words).
- 2 Now provide a fuller description of your project and relevant background work (200 words)
- 3 What are the outcomes and benefits to service users, and how far is it sustainable? (200 words)
- 4 How does it demonstrate leadership and team working skills? (100 words)
- 5 How have you involved service users and communities? (100 words)
- 6 How could it be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services? (100 words)

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5 Award for the best collaboration across clinical, academia and industry

Sponsored by the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine



This award aims to celebrate effective collaborative working across clinical settings, the academic world and industry to develop new services or streamline existing processes for the benefit of patient care. We are looking for outstanding projects or initiatives covering clinical and industry, or clinical and academic, or all three sectors; projects that demonstrate partnership working, bringing into play the perspectives, expertise and skills that the different sectors can offer.

It is open to healthcare scientists working in any setting in the UK

Criteria

- Effective collaboration across service providers, universities and industry to create new ways of working
- Benefits for service users, services and organisations including cost effectiveness
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team working
- Evidence of service user involvement.

Submission questions

1. Summarise the project or initiative and the significance of the collaboration (50 words).
2. Now provide a fuller description of the innovation and how the partnership devised and implemented it. (200 words)
3. What are the outcomes and benefits in terms of patient services? (200 words)
4. Why was this collaboration the right one to tackle the problem or develop the innovation? (100 words)
5. How have you involved service users and communities? (100 words)
6. How could it be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services? (100 words)

6 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)
- 5 Are you/they an IBMS member? yes/no

7 The Academy for Healthcare Science award for Innovative practice to enhance patient safety



Sponsored by The Academy for Healthcare Science

This award aims to attract entries and nominations from healthcare scientists, clinical research practitioners and life science industry representatives who had a 'lightbulb moment', or who brought into play innovative approaches to long-standing problems or found unconventional solutions to unexpected challenges. How did this enhance patient safety and how did it inspire others?

It is open to healthcare scientists, CRPs and LSI representatives working in any setting in the UK.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Enhanced patient safety
- Benefits for service users, services and organisations including cost effectiveness
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team working
- Evidence of service user involvement.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise the achievement and its significance (50 words).
- 2 Now provide a fuller description and relevant background work (200 words)
- 3 What are the outcomes and benefits in terms of patient safety? (200 words)
- 4 How does it demonstrate leadership and team working skills? (100 words)
- 5 How have you involved service users and communities? (100 words)
- 6 How could it be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations or services? (100 words)

8 The Academy for Healthcare Science award to recognise emerging leaders in healthcare science

Sponsored by The Academy for Healthcare Science

This award aims to throw the spotlight on emerging leaders among healthcare scientists, clinical research practitioners and life science industry representatives at whatever stage they are at in their careers. Nominate the person who is the most up and coming inspirational person in your work setting and tell us why.

Nominations are open to healthcare scientists, CRPs and LSI representatives working in any setting in the UK.

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Benefits for service users, services and organisations including cost effectiveness
- Effective leadership
- Team building and team working
- Career development.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise this person's achievement and its significance (50 words).
- 2 Now provide a fuller description of their achievements and its impact (200 words)
- 3 What are the outcomes and benefits in terms of improved service delivery? (200 words)
- 4 How would you describe their leadership style? (100 words)
- 5 What do colleagues say about this person? (100 words)
- 6 What might the future hold for this person in terms of their contribution to healthcare science? (100 words)

9 The NHS England Chief Scientific Officer's Award for the Outstanding Healthcare Science Service of the year

Sponsored by NHS England

This award invites entries from healthcare science service providers operating in any setting. The judges will be looking for outstanding service provision that has scientific and technological advancements at its core and demonstrates a positive impact for patients, families and clinical teams; delivers innovation in models of care or delivery; supports a high achieving workforce to deliver high quality services and has continuous improvement and sustainability at the centre.

It is open to healthcare scientists working in the UK

Criteria

The judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Positive impact for patients, families and clinical service users and service quality improvement
- Embraces scientific and technological advances
- Innovation in models of delivery or service transformation
- Effective business planning, financial viability and effectiveness
- High quality service provision to support clinical care
- Motivated healthcare science workforce inclusive of demonstrating opportunities for career development to support service delivery
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team working.

Submission questions

1. Summarise the service and its achievements (50 words).
2. Provide a fuller description of the service delivery or transformation innovations and service quality improvements and how it has embraced scientific and technological advancements (200 words)
3. How has the service demonstrated outcomes and benefits for patients, families, clinical service users? (200 words)
4. How does the service contribute to Healthcare Science leadership and team development? (100 words)
5. In what ways have you transformed the service and developed your workforce? (100 words)
6. How could the improvements be sustained and what is the potential for transferability and scalability across Healthcare Science organisations or services? (100 words)

AWARDS OPEN TO AHPS

10 British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists award for inspirational innovators in prosthetics and orthotics



Sponsored by British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists

This award, open to all prosthetists, orthotists, support workers, and technicians who work in the sector, is about recognising and rewarding the vital contribution of our workforce, those individuals who inspire us and are a force for positive change. We are looking for examples of individuals who have inspired the prosthetics and orthotics community through their innovation, leadership, clinical excellence, passion, and research excellence.

The judges will be looking for examples of how the individual has affected change in the prosthetics and orthotics community, how they have inspired within and beyond their immediate prosthetic and orthotic teams and how they have impacted the profession at a local and national level.

Criteria

- Evidence of the impact on the prosthetics and orthotics community at a local and national level
- Examples of how the individual has affected positive change within the prosthetic and orthotic profession, how they have impacted clinical practice, excelled at research, product design, service design etc.
- Examples of leadership qualities and evidence of being a positive role model for the prosthetics and orthotics community
- Evidence of working for the benefit of the profession as a whole

Submission statements

- 1 Describe how you/they inspired the prosthetics and orthotics community: how have you/they affected beyond their immediate teams? How is the effect impacted on a national stage? (200 words)
- 2 How have you/they demonstrated leadership, and excelled in areas such as clinical practice, research, service design, or product design? (100 words)
- 3 How has this benefitted the prosthetic and orthotic profession? (100 words)
- 4 What systems and policies are in place to sustain this achievement? (50 words)
- 5 Why are you/they a positive role model for the prosthetic and orthotic profession? (50 words).

11 The AHP clinical leadership award

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:

- vision and drive for their AHP-led service
- initiative and responsibility
- commitment and resilience
- 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 Describe your/their commitment and resilience to continue to lead and develop the service (100 words)
- 4 Describe the effectiveness of your/their clinical leadership in enhancing the quality of patient care. (100 words)

12 The Northern Ireland Government's award for Partnering, Leading, Shaping to improve population health



Sponsored by the Northern Ireland Government

This award, open to AHPs anywhere in the UK, seeks to recognise those who have demonstrated leadership and partnership working to deliver effective health improvement interventions, 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.

Submission statements

- 1 Summarise your project and its significance in 50 words.
- 2 Describe your project more fully with any relevant background to your work and supporting evidence. (200 words)
- 3 Outline how your project demonstrates leadership and engagement of relevant stakeholders and partners. (50 words)

- 4 How does your project use best practice and professional standards in public health? (100 words)
- 5 Outline the impact of the project, your evaluation framework, and the outcome measures you used. (100 words)
- 6 Describe how your project will be sustained and the potential for transferability and scalability across organisations. (50 words)

13 OVERALL WINNER

The overall winner is chosen from the category winners.

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