

# THE ADVANCING HEALTHCARE AWARDS 2025

## THE SHORTLIST



UNITED KINGDOM  
**ADVANCING  
HEALTHCARE  
AWARDS 2025**



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

### **Welsh Government's award for delivering multiprofessional community care**

#### **The virtual value-based planned care for children and young people with weight management difficulty**

*The Active Families Active Lives children and young people weight management service,  
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board*

#### **You are safer at home**

*Sarah Hamilton, community director, Safe at Home and professional partners*

#### **The allied health professionals community rapid access and admission prevention service model**

*Paula Cornelius, head of occupational therapy services, Cwm Taff Morgannwg University  
Health Board*

#### **Living Well Service: a needs-led model**

*The Community Complex Conditions Service, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board*

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

#### **Dania Granzotto**

*Healthcare science associate, specialising in ophthalmic imaging, University Hospitals Sussex  
NHS Foundation Trust*

#### **Anna Szurlej**

*Occupational therapy recreational worker, Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS  
Foundation Trust*

#### **Alison McCusker**

*Dysphagia NI project support officer, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland*

## **Rising Stars**

### **Amit Nautiyal**

*Clinical scientist, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Jane Blackburn**

*Echocardiographer, Royal United Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Bath*

### **Michela Clarke**

*Senior occupational therapist, Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Aine Doherty**

*Radiographer, Altnagelvin Area Hospital, Western Health and Social Care Trust*

### **Angelika Kopec**

*Biomedical scientist, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Aina Nisar**

*Clinical engineering healthcare scientist, Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Rachel Ventom**

*Art therapist, Chroma*

### **Sinziana Vrabie**

*Neurologic music therapist, Chroma*

### **Gerta Bicaku**

*Associate practitioner, Immunology Department, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children*

### **Corey Davies**

*Clinical scientist, respiratory and sleep, and healthcare science programme clinical lead, service transformation, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Health Education and Improvement Wales*

## **Award for the best collaboration across clinical, academia and industry**

*Supported by the Health Innovation Network*

### **Revolutionising care at scale: the TRACHES Toolkit –transforming outcomes and reducing costs through NHS-industry partnership**

*Paul Twose, consultant therapist, critical care, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, and Grace Moore, patient innovations manager, Institute of Clinical Science and Technology*

### **Novel therapy for post-stroke spasticity: Sheffield adaptive patterned electrical stimulation (SHAPES) collaborative**

*Avril McCarthy, consultant clinical scientist, and Rebecca Marshall, specialist physiotherapist, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Delivering population level digital self-management through collaboration and co-design**

*Ben Wanless, Consultant Physiotherapist, St George's University Hospitals NHS Trust and Carey McClellan, CEO, getubetter*

## **Award for creative and innovative practice**

### **Rough sleepers mental health team, Southend**

*Sarah Power, dramatherapist and senior psychotherapist and Kayleigh Reardon, advanced mental health occupational therapist, Essex Partnership University NHS Trust*

### **The transformation of clinical education and workforce strengthening through digital clinical placements**

*Alison Sanneh, digital clinical placement lead, The Christie NHS Trust. Manchester*

### **Hello in there wee one: a collaboration supporting pre-birth communication**

*Vicky Armstrong (art therapist, DCA, University of Dundee and NHS Tayside), Sean Nolan (IMH team lead, NHS Tayside), Claire Norfolk (clinical psychologist, NHS Tayside), Josephine Ross (professor of psychology, University of Dundee), Sarah Derrick (head of learning, DCA) and Louise Kirby (artist) with Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee City Council, NHS Tayside and University of Dundee*

### **Northumbria Healthcare pathology drone project**

*Jonathan Boxshall, pathology quality manager, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and the Northumbria Pathology Drones Team*

## **Award for developing the AHP and healthcare science workforce**

### **The Pathology Alliance Training Academy**

*North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System*

### **The AHP Song: inspiring future healthcare heroes**

*Lauren Anna Hryniewiecka, practice development lead AHP-OPAC, and Caroline Stackhouse, deputy chief of allied health professionals, and the AHP team at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Increasing physiotherapy student competence for practice through the care certificate, simulation and observational placements**

*Fran Quinn-Thomas, lecturer, and the physiotherapy practice placement team and clinical skills and simulation team at Keele University*

### **The Healthcare Leaders' Fellowship (HLF)**

*Rhia Kaur Saggu, highly specialist dietitian and programme manager: Healthcare Leaders' Fellowship, Imperial College London NHS Foundation Trust*

## **Award for campaigning with power and impact**

*Supported by PH Affairs*

### **#InvestInSLT campaign**

*Peter Just, head of external affairs and influencing, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists*

### **Biomedical Science Day: a national campaign celebrating healthcare science and empowering public engagement**

*Dan Nimmo, head of communications, and the communications team at the Institute of Biomedical Science*

### **See4School – NHS Scotland pre-school vision screening**

*Lee Pentland, orthoptist, NHS Tayside*





## **British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists award for evidencing impact and excellence in prosthetics and orthotics**

**The Orthotics Evidence Portal: enhancing evidence-based practice in the UK orthotic profession**

*Laura Barr, orthotist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde*

**Improving the prescription of dynamic contracture bracing**

*Eileen Morrow, clinical academic orthotist, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

**Trailblazing leadership in orthotics, advancing patient care, staff development, and service sustainability**

*Nikki Munro, orthotic clinical lead, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Orthotic Service*



## **The #RightToRehab award for innovation**

*Sponsored by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy*

**RESTART-PD: rehabilitation exercise study with therapeutic augmented reality treatment for patients with Parkinson's disease**

*Caroline Gill, highly specialist physiotherapist, stroke rehabilitation and senior clinical research physiotherapist, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Leeds*

**Greater Manchester Major Trauma Enhanced Rehabilitation Service (MTERS)**

*Justine Theaker, consultant physiotherapist, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and Victoria Dickens, chief AHP, professional standards and training, Northern Care Alliance*

**Active Together: cancer prehabilitation and rehabilitation**

*Carol Keen, consultant physiotherapist, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*



## **Northern Ireland Government's award for clinical impact to address healthcare inequalities**

**Addressing skin tone inequities in management during radiotherapy - reforming education and practice in therapeutic radiography**

*Naman Julka-Anderson, research therapeutic radiographer and AHP clinical advisor, The Royal Marsden and Macmillan Cancer Support*

**Doing Things Differently: using a neuro-affirming approach to see beyond the label**

*Sarah McElholm, specialist speech and language therapist and service lead, Charlene McLaughlin, psychologist, Clare Wilson, specialist speech & language therapist, and Siobhan Martin, specialist occupational therapist Children & Young People's Autism Early Intervention Service, Western Health and Social Care Trust*

**Missingness Project, podiatry team**

*Davina Hughes, podiatry professional lead, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust*



## **The NHS England Chief Scientific Officer's award for the Outstanding Healthcare Science Service of the year**

### **The point of care testing service**

*Berkshire and Surrey Pathology Services, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust, Ashford & St Peter's NHS Foundation Trust, Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust and Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS trust*

### **The MRI physics team**

*Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

### **The Aintree Sleep Service**

*NHS University Hospitals of Liverpool Group*



## **Biomedical Scientist of the Year award**

*Sponsored by the Institute of Biomedical Science*

### **Francis Yongblah**

*Laboratory manager and higher specialist scientist trainee,  
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Daniel Kearns**

*Head biomedical scientist and senior research manager,  
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Craig Baker**

*Cellular pathology and mortuary service manager, Hywel Dda University Health Board*



## **The Lightbulb Moment: driving forward patient safety**

*Sponsored by the Academy for Healthcare Science*

### **Point of care testing team (POCT) delivering patientcentred rapid diagnostic solutions**

*Gareth John, point of care testing manager, and  
Angelina Jean-Francois, director of operations, North West London Pathology*

### **A non-invasive approach to paediatric facial prosthetics: innovation in patient-centred care**

*Taran Malhotra, lead clinical scientist in reconstructive science & specialist maxillofacial  
prosthodontist, Liverpool Head and Neck Centre, NHS University Hospitals of Liverpool Group*

### **Medical device safety**

*Nana Odom, head of clinical engineering, Cleveland Clinic, London*



## **My inspiration: The AHCS Award for the most inspiring leader**

*Sponsored by the Academy for Healthcare Science*

### **Dr Nolan Stain**

*Head of cardiorespiratory physiology, Barts Health NHS Trust*

### **Elaine Cloutman-Green**

*Consultant clinical scientist, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust*

### **Dr Charlotte Kemp**

*Programme lead, South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Pathology (SYBP)*

### **Dr Ruth Vickerstaff**

*Principal audiologist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust*