

Advancing Healthcare Awards 2010



UK Awards for Allied Health Professionals and Healthcare Scientists

Do you want to raise your profile?

Is it time that the extra efforts in your working life got noticed?

Do you wish that your team could get the recognition they deserve?

Are you concerned by how many colleagues re-invent the wheel, rather than sharing good practice, but know it's hard to get your story out?

Has your team made a tangible difference to patient care this year?

'The competition was a whirlwind of excitement and reignited our enthusiasm at work. We are proud to be able to offer our patients healthcare which is at the highest level.'

Hilary Harris, radiographer,
The James Cook University Hospital

Entry
deadline
Friday 6
November
2009

'Winning the judges special award was recognition for the whole team of the enthusiasm and hard work that has gone into our project by everyone involved. It provoked a lot of interest in our device and gave us a great boost and the motivation to keep going.'

Jackie Stubbs, speech and language therapist,
Diana Anderson, specialist dietician and Sue Tye, OT, North East Essex PCT

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WHAT are the Advancing Healthcare Awards?

The 2010 Advancing Healthcare Awards are organised by Chamberlain Dunn, the publishers of *Health Workforce Bulletin* and *Employing Allied Health Professionals & Health Scientists*.

These Awards, now in their fourth year, 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. Supported by all four UK health departments, NHS Employers, Unite the Union and the AHP Federation, the awards are unique in that they are UK-wide and cover all these professional and specialist groups whose achievements so often go unnoticed.

This year we have a special focus on leadership with two important awards from the Department of Health, England to recognise and reward outstanding clinical leaders.

WHO can enter the Advancing Healthcare Awards?

At least one team member in any entry should be an allied health professional or healthcare scientist, and should be providing healthcare provision in the UK.



2009 Overall winners: Hilary Harris and Geoffrey Naisby pictured with Alastair Henderson and Professor Ray Tallis

WHY should you enter the Advancing Healthcare Awards?

RECOGNITION

Recognition from peers and colleagues of the good practice projects you and your team have delivered. A little nudge to help ensure you are talent spotted in the future!

PROMOTE GOOD PRACTICE

Let us help get your good practice ideas spread to other trusts, so others can learn from your trials, successes and ideas.

A PERMANENT REMINDER

Win a stylish glass trophy and framed certificate for your workplace that reminds your patients, colleagues and peers of your professional achievements. Plus photographs of your team and our ceremony guest of honour and sponsor.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Enjoy a special celebratory lunch for your team, with the opportunity to meet and network with other talented health professionals and health care leaders. Finalists can invite family, friends and colleagues along as guests to join the party too.

REVIEW YOUR WORK

Seize the opportunity to review your project, its impact on patient care and your team working: putting pen to paper will ensure better dissemination of your ideas and learning for your own professional development.

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For the 2010 Advancing Healthcare Awards we welcome entries in the following categories:

THE CHIEF HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICER'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

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The CHPO's award seeks to recognise AHPs, at any stage of their careers, who demonstrate in their everyday behaviour and attitudes the essence of leadership in the clinical setting. They should show courage and determination in working with others to improve the quality of patient care in ways that are demonstrably cost effective and sustainable. We are looking for those who to transform services and consistently deliver high quality care.

All the shortlisted entries in this category will win a place on a GateHouse management or leadership course. The category winner will receive a cash prize to be used for personal or professional development with the commitment to report back a year later on what has been achieved.

THE CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

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The CSO's award seeks to recognise healthcare scientists in the early years of their careers, who demonstrate in their everyday behaviour and attitudes the essence of leadership. They should show courage and determination in working with others to improve the quality of patient services in ways that are demonstrably cost effective and sustainable. We are looking for those who to transform services and consistently deliver at a high level.

The category winner will be offered a coaching session with an international expert in leadership development.

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING, TEACHING, DEVELOPMENT OR MENTORSHIP

Sponsored by GateHouse



This aims to encourage creative entries which take a broad approach to learning and development. Entries are invited from practitioners at any level who have achieved excellence and innovation in education and professional development to enhance knowledge and skills to the benefit of patient care.

The winner of this category wins a free one-day GateHouse in-house course for their organisation on a topic of their choice.

ENHANCING PUBLIC HEALTH AND CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Sponsored by Welsh Assembly Government



Healthcare practitioners must seize every opportunity to encourage healthy living among their patients and clients. This award invites entries which describe projects to foster healthy living among disadvantaged or hard-to-reach communities.

INNOVATION IN RECRUITMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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In this ever-changing jobs market, this award aims to recognise and reward those who have developed robust recruitment strategies or demonstrated career development initiatives in any or all of the professions and specialties covered by these awards.

JOINT WORKING BETWEEN ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND HEALTHCARE SCIENTISTS

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Entries are invited to illustrate successful collaboration between these groups. An essential part of modernising healthcare is developing team working across professional groups. AHPs and healthcare scientists do not always come into contact with one another but in some spheres effective joint working can revolutionise patient services.

RETHINKING THE PATIENT CARE PATHWAY

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The work of healthcare scientists in diagnostics and treatment is key in ensuring patients are treated promptly and the work of AHPs helps to speed their journey home. This award recognises the crucial part these professionals play in improving access and boosting productivity.

ENHANCING SELF-CARE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Sponsored by NHS Scotland



This new award seeks to celebrate 'patient-centredness' by demonstrating how healthcare professionals can encourage and support people in self-care and independent living. The project must demonstrate sustained patient empowerment with the professional in an enabling, facilitating role.

OVERALL WINNER

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The judges will select an outstanding entry from the winning entries in each category. This category may not be entered directly.

Entries may be made by individuals, small groups working together, a department, a hospital or a trust based in the UK. Simply decide which category your project fits best, and complete and return the awards entry form by Friday 6 November 2009.

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How to enter the 2010 Advancing Healthcare Awards

- Visit www.AHPandHSawards.co.uk
- Select ENTER NOW
- Register your details to create an 'awards account' (there is no obligation to enter after registering)
- Select the category to wish to enter
- Review the shortlisting criteria for this category
- Complete the online form including your 500 word submission (we suggest you do this offline and then cut and paste onto the website)
- You can save and return at any point, but when you are happy, simply submit your entry
- You can enter new projects in other categories or return to unfinished submissions by selecting the MY AWARDS link and logging in.
- You must **submit** your entries before Friday 6 November 2009.

Judging criteria

Entries will be assessed and scored according to the following criteria. Only the written submission will be considered so entrants are encouraged to demonstrate:

- Measurable achievements
- Expected benefits (including cost-effectiveness/ value for money)
- Sustainability and transferability
- Leadership and team-working
- Making a difference to patient/client care

Your entry submission should address each of the four questions on the online form. Your responses should be text only and not exceed the stated word limit. Shortlisting judges will score your entry on the basis of evidence provided in each section alone (appendices will not be considered). Failure to address a question will result in your score at the shortlisting stage of the competition.

Dates for your diary

Closing date for entries:
Friday 6 November 2009

Judging day:
Tuesday 19 January 2010

Awards ceremony:
Friday 12 March 2010

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Rules for entry

- Your project must only be entered into one category
- Only two people may be named on the awards application
- It is these people alone that will be invited to attend the judging day in the event of shortlisting
- All entries must be authorised by your manager
- There will be no feedback on entries that are not shortlisted
- The judges' decision is final
- At least one member of your project must be an AHP or health scientist, see www.AHPandHSawards.co.uk for qualifying roles.

Tips for making the final

- Read through all our award categories and make sure you enter your project in the most suitable category
- Complete all questions on the entry form, and keep the category you have entered in mind as you write
- Keep to our word count limits
- Thoroughly check your entry form before submission, and ask a colleague to take a look too
- Submit your entry well in advance of the deadline Friday 6 November 2009
- And remember you can enter as many projects into the competition as you like.

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