

UK Awards for Allied Health Professionals and Healthcare Scientists **2006**

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2006

With well over 300 entries, last year's launch of the first ever awards programme exclusively for the professional groups covered by our newsletter *Employing Allied Health Professionals & Health Scientists* was a great success. We are delighted to invite entries for this year's awards.

The aims are:

- To recognise and reward health professionals who are often overlooked
- To help raise their profile by showing their contribution to patient care
- To showcase new ways of working
- To encourage team and partnership working.

The awards are open to all allied health professionals and healthcare scientists throughout the UK. The categories are almost the same as last year except that we have created two new ones:

- **Working across boundaries** which reflects the ideas in the White Paper *Our health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services*

- **Promoting healthcare science** which reflects the particular challenge of recruiting and retaining scientists into the wide range of specialist services provided by the health services.

Entries should be made online by individuals, small groups working together, a department, a hospital or a trust at www.health-workforce.com. Decide which category your project fits best, describe it in no more than 750 words, and complete the entry form by Friday 1 September 2006. The entries will be judged by an expert panel of judges, drawn from the professions and sponsors. Shortlisted entries will be invited to present to the judging panel on Tuesday 3 October at the Department of Health office, Skipton House in Central London.

We are delighted that the awards are sponsored by all key stakeholders.

The awards programme will culminate in a celebratory lunch at a prestigious central London venue, with a celebrity guest of honour. All the shortlisted entries will be present together with a VIP audience. The winners will receive a cheque, certificate and trophy.

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CATEGORIES

1. Innovation in patient care or clinical services

For this broad-ranging category entries are invited from AHPs and/or HCSs who have successfully developed a new service in order to directly benefit patients. This could be anything from an apparently small change which has had a disproportionate impact on patient care; to a major new service. You should include the rationale for the development, how it was implemented and evaluated, and how information about it is being disseminated.

2. Excellence in learning, teaching, development and mentorship

This category 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. Entrants should specifically demonstrate how their project has been adopted and the benefits realised.

3. New ways of working and extending the boundaries

We are expecting this category to attract those AHPs and HCSs who have taken up the challenge of examining traditional roles and working practices in order to see if things can be done differently. The judges will be looking for evidence of creative thinking, good team working and the drive and commitment to ensure change is properly implemented and evaluated.

4. Excellence in management and leadership

In this category the judges will be looking for an individual or team at any level which has displayed exceptional skill and success in supporting change and innovation. This also encompasses initiatives to boost recruitment and retention, implement Improving Working Lives and other areas of good employment practice.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the categories, please contact Karen George on Tel: 020 8334 4500 or email: karen@chamberdunn.co.uk

HOW TO ENTER

All entries must be made online at: www.health-workforce.com

Click on the AHP & HC Awards 2006 'ENTER NOW' button. Download an entry form, complete it with your project details and 750 word submission and email to hannah@chamberdunn.co.uk. Alternatively call our hotline **0208 334 4500** for details.

5. Promoting health and well being in hard-to-reach communities

Recent government initiatives have again underlined the vital importance of all healthcare practitioners seizing every opportunity to encourage healthy living among their patients and clients. This category invites entries which describe projects to foster healthy living among disadvantaged or hard-to-reach communities.

6. Working across boundaries

With the new White Paper *Our health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services* setting out the need for more integrated health and social care services, this category seeks to reward 'joined-up' service delivery. We are looking for projects which cross boundaries or demonstrate the value of partnership working.



7. Improved patient care through the innovative use of IT



Entries for this category should demonstrate improved patient care and safety through the effective and innovative use of IT. The judges will be looking for projects where the use of IT has clearly demonstrated change in normal or traditional ways of working.

8. Promoting healthcare science

This reflects the particular challenge of explaining the opportunities available for scientists in the health services and recruiting and retaining scientists into the wide range of specialist services. The entry can be from an individual or team at any level who have displayed imagination and creativity in promoting a career in healthcare science.

9. Overall winner

The judges will select an outstanding entry from the winning entries in each category which will be the overall winner and receive an additional prize.



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