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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?

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?

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

At least one member of your project must be an AHP or health scientist, see www.AHPandHSawards.co.uk for qualifying roles.

Your entry submission should address each of the 4 questions on the entry form directly. 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 a lower score at the shortlisting stage of the competition.

The judging process

- Entries are submitted by email using an official awards entry form (to cristina@chamberdunn.co.uk)
- Entries will be initially assessed against the judging criteria
- Shortlisted entrants will be invited to present their entry to a judging panel in London on 12 January 2009
- The leading entries in each category will be invited to attend the prestigious awards ceremony and lunch (27 February 2009) in London.

Closing date: Tuesday, 4 November 2008

Chamberlain Dunn the publishers of *Health Workforce Bulletin* and *Employing Allied Health Professionals & Health Scientists* have the answer: enter the 2009 UK Awards for AHPs and healthcare scientists. You get the chance to win one of eight categories, your project success publicised across the health service and attend a magnificent awards celebration in

London.

Now in its third year the UK Awards for AHPs and HSs have recognised and rewarded numerous projects and professionals that lead innovative healthcare practice and make a real difference to patients' lives. This year it could be your team.

Do you want to raise your profile?

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

Do you want to showcase your new ways of working?

Download entry form:

www.AHPandHSawards.co.uk

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- Allied Health Professions Federation

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 Tuesday 4 November 2008. The entries will be judged by an expert panel of judges, drawn from the professions and sponsors. All shortlisted entrants will be notified by email and are expected to attend a judging day on 12 January 2009 in London.

1. Innovation in patient care or clinical services

Entries are invited from those who have successfully developed a new service which directly benefits patients or clients. This could be an apparently small change which has had a disproportionate impact on patient care or a longer term, larger scale project involving a team of health professionals.

2. Achieving excellence in learning, teaching, development or mentorship

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.

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

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.

4. Innovation in recruitment and career development

In this ever-changing jobs market, this new award aims to recognise and reward those who have taken the initiative to help graduates get work experience and to move into permanent employment. It is also looking for ways in which employers have developed people into more senior roles to free up posts for new graduates.

5. Joint working between allied health professionals and healthcare scientists

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.

6. 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.

7. Rethinking the patient care pathway

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.

8. Overall winner

The judges will select an outstanding entry from the winning entries in each category. This will be the overall winner who will receive an additional prize. This category may not be entered directly. The awards programme will culminate in a celebratory awards ceremony and lunch at a prestigious central London venue, with a guest of honour. All the shortlisted entries will be present together with a VIP audience. The winners will receive a framed certificate and trophy at the awards ceremony. The winning entries will be published in *Employing Allied Health Professionals & Health Scientists*.

2006 winners

2005 winners

**Call our hotline for further
details or help with your entry**

020 8334 4500

How to enter

1. Follow the 'enter now' links from www.AHPandHSawards.co.uk
2. Complete your details on the simple online request form
3. Within 2 - 5 minutes you will receive an email with the UK awards entry form attached
4. We recommend that you save the entry form onto your own computer system
5. Complete the form with your project details, answering ALL questions and selecting the category you would like to enter
6. Email the entry form to cristina@chamberdunn.co.uk by the competition deadline: Tuesday 4 November 2008
7. Don't forget you can enter as many projects as you like.

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.

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