

Star Awards 2018

The Star Awards recognise the very best in education and training across the health and care sector in the south west. They celebrate individuals or teams providing healthcare or public health services for NHS patients and service users in NHS trusts, general practice, local authority, education and independent or private settings including those providing pharmacy, dental and optometry services. The winners will be announced at a special celebration in Taunton on 6 March 2018.

Submit your nomination here!

The awards will close at 5pm on Friday 12 January 2018. If you have any questions, please contact us at StarAwards.SW@hee.nhs.uk.

The categories are open to people in all professions, staff groups and at all levels across the 260 miles from Gloucestershire to Cornwall & Isles of Scilly (including Wiltshire, Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, Somerset and Devon) that make up the south west region and incorporate the, already very successful, Apprenticeship Awards.

Finalists will be invited to a presentation on Tuesday 6 March 2018 in Taunton, where the winner of each category will be announced. The day will also be an opportunity to feedback on our successes over the past year and to talk with our partners about our future plans, as part of a stakeholder conference for Health Education England, working across the south west.

There are a total of 10 awards to be won and the criteria for each are outlined below. Entries will be judged by NHS leaders and training experts in health and care from across the south west.

The award categories are:

- **Inspiring Educator**
- **Outstanding Learner**
- **Education and Training Team of the Year**
- **Hearing the Patient Voice**
- **Innovation Champion**
- **Intermediate Apprentice of the Year**
- **Advanced Apprentice of the Year**
- **Higher Apprentice of the Year**

- **NHS Values Individual Award (Awarded by the Independent Chair of the South West Local Education Training Board)**
- **NHS Values Team Award (Awarded by the Independent Chair of the South West Local Education Training Board)**

The themes that the judges will be looking for are people and initiatives:

- where workforce development or education and training have made a difference to the quality of services and patient care and service user experience
- who uphold the values of the NHS Constitution; demonstrating care, compassion and respect
- who have worked in partnership across teams, professions and organisations
- which support the development of cultures of learning.

You can view the winners from 2017 here, as well as the winners from 2016 here.

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Inspiring Educator

This award recognises the people who mentor, supervise or train people 'on the job', who not only share best practice and new skills, they are role models for their values and attitudes.

If you are a student, trainee or learner and somebody has really gone the extra mile to support and help you and inspire you in your work, please do nominate them for this award.

The judges will be looking for people who have:

- demonstrated a commitment to the developing the relationship between the educator and students/learners
- inspired and motivated students to achieve more than they believed they could
- acted as role models to students and other educators
- demonstrated that they take on feedback from other staff and students to improve the way in which they approach their work.

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Outstanding Learner

This award highlights the value that the NHS places on the values set out in the NHS Constitution, treating patients and clients, carers and families with respect and compassion. This award is open to all learners: students, trainees, apprentices and people undertaking continuing personal and professional development, who can demonstrate that they understand the importance of good communication, value patient experience and consider patients as partners in their own care.

If you are a mentor, educator, trainer or supervisor and a learner has impressed you, this is your chance to tell us about them.

The judges will be looking for:

- individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to personal development
- specific examples of their achievement in learning and contributions to the workplace, in particular where expectations have been exceeded
- how learners have overcome any barriers to their learning and development
- individuals that have gone the extra mile and demonstrated the values in the NHS Constitution.

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Education and Training Team of the Year

This award recognises the enormous contribution of people working in and delivering education and training across the south west. This team might be a formal team, or a group of people who have come together to deliver a specific initiative.

We are seeking a team who through delivering education and training has made a difference to patient and user safety and care, and made a difference for staff.

If you are in a team, or know a team, who has devised or delivered education and training in new ways, delivered value for money, constantly looks to improve the quality of education and training programmes, and created a good learning environment, then make sure to nominate them.

Judges will be looking for:

- teams that can demonstrate their commitment to developing a culture of learning in their organisations
- evidence of improvements in learning outcomes and the benefits to patients
- teams that have worked in innovative ways or done something different
- nominations that show quality is at the heart of everything the team delivers.

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Hearing the Patient Voice

Involving patients, carers, their families and friends in designing and delivering education and training programmes is key to improving quality and ensuring that education and training has the right impact.

We want to recognise the team or individual who has made sure that the patient voice is heard in education and training. This award can be for a specific project or initiative, or because there is an ongoing commitment to include patients, clients and carers in education and training.

We want to see nominations for teams or people that:

- act as ambassadors for patients in their organisation
- inspire others to put the patient at the heart of what they do
- engage with a wide range of people from health care staff, to patients, carers and the public
- can identify clear changes to ways of working that have tangible benefits to patients and their care

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Innovation Champion

We are looking to recognise the individual or team who has developed an education and training programme to spread the adoption of innovation, or who has perhaps significantly increased the use of technology in education and training itself. It could also be a team or individual who has improved patient care through taking a hard look at who does what in a team, unit, ward or practice and introduced a new roles or changed the skills of people in the team.

If you are part of this team, or know somebody who has made a change and taken everybody with them, then we want to know.

The judges will be looking for:

- what made the work or initiative innovative, what was done differently and what the outcomes were
- evidence of these outcomes in the way services or training are delivered
- how this innovation or change was implemented, what barriers were encountered and how they were overcome

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Apprenticeship Awards:

The following three awards are for staff that are studying for apprenticeships. These can be in clinical and non-clinical roles. We want to shine a light on the work of apprentices and their contribution to the NHS. We are searching for apprentices who have really engaged with the education programme made a difference in their workplace, as well as and balancing their work, study and home life.

The judges will be looking for:

- commitment: someone that demonstrates commitment to their personal development and progression
- contribution: showing outstanding contribution to the workplace - in particular, areas or projects where you have exceeded expectations
- success: evidence of inspirational levels of achievement and attainment

Intermediate Apprentice of the Year

This award is for healthcare apprentices who are working towards, or have completed, a Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship programme and have made a real difference to the organisation in which they work.

Advanced Apprentice of the Year

This award is for healthcare apprentices who are working towards, or have completed, a Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship programme and have made a real difference to the organisation in which they work.

Higher Apprentice of the Year

This award is for healthcare apprentices who are working towards, or have completed, a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship programme and have made a real difference to the organisation in which they work.

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