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The 2021 NHS England Chief Scientific Officer's Healthcare Science Awards

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Foreword from the Office of the Chief Scientific Officer

As the NHS looks to the future, healthcare scientists will be working at the cutting edge of existing health technologies and actively helping to shape the development of **future tools, diagnostics, devices and therapies** to transform health and social care.

The Chief Scientific Officer's Healthcare Science Awards celebrates the tremendous contributions and achievements of the healthcare science workforce and the impact they have on patient outcomes, by **championing inspiring case studies of quality improvement, innovative partnerships and pioneering service delivery**.

We are inviting Healthcare Scientists to take the time to recognise and commend their peers and colleagues who have gone above and beyond by nominating them for an award. Nominations will be judged by a panel of senior Healthcare Science leaders in their field. Awards will be announced as part of **the 2021 CSO Webinar series**. For more information, [see our FutureNHS platform](#).

We reserve the right to remove any of the award categories if not enough applications are received.

For all enquiries relating to the 2021 Healthcare Science Awards, please email england.cso@nhs.net.

The categories for the 2021 Awards:

Excellence in Healthcare *Delivery* – Awarded to the *Audiology Service at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust in May 2021*

Implementation of advances in science and technology is the building block for delivering the healthcare science services of the future. This award recognises teams or individuals that are already successfully using advances in science and technology to improve the lives of patients, carers or staff.

CSO Shirley Fletcher Apprenticeship Award

At a time when the NHS is facing one of its biggest workforce challenges ever, apprenticeships are an important opportunity for employers to provide an effective means of developing the skills of their workforce to order to deliver a safe and efficient health service to their communities. Healthcare Science has long recognised the benefits of training apprentices for the HCS support workforce.

The Shirley Fletcher CSO Apprenticeship Award has been established to recognise and commemorate her significant contribution to this work. The judges will be looking for apprentices who have shown a passion and commitment for healthcare science, demonstrating an ability to engage with learning whilst in employment, with a particular focus on patient-centred care and the contribution of science to health.

Excellence in Healthcare Science Service

Collaborations and partnerships across industry, academia, research teams and the wider NHS services are critical for transforming services and improving outcomes and reducing costs. This category is focused on healthcare scientists who have undertaken ground-breaking translational scientific work and established strong collaborations for innovation in service to make a real difference in patient care.

Healthcare Scientist of the Year

This award will celebrate an exceptional individual who has continually championed healthcare science to transform patient care and improve outcomes.

The healthcare scientist of the year will be an exemplar to others in their contribution beyond the boundaries of their service across service delivery, training and development, engagement and collaboration, innovation and partnerships.

Healthcare Science Rising Star

The calibre of individuals at the earlier stages of their careers in healthcare science has never been greater with training programmes continuing to attract some of the best and brightest into the NHS.

This award celebrates those healthcare scientists in the early stages of their career who are already demonstrating how much healthcare science can bring to transforming care pathways and service development.

Our judges are looking for individuals who are already performing highly in their given area and show signs of greater things to come. Credit will be given to those showing a clear vision and demonstrating the impact of their work.

Excellence in Healthcare Science *Workforce Transformation*

The workforce, how we educate, train and use their skills in innovative ways are vital in ensuring that healthcare scientists are able to work at the highest level and play their vital role in healthcare, reach their potential and do the best by patients.

Excellence in Healthcare Science *Research and Innovation*

Innovation in Healthcare science services, delivery and the wider NHS are critical for transforming services, improving outcomes and reducing costs. The category is focused on healthcare scientists who have undertaken ground-breaking translational scientific work and established strong collaborations for innovation and enterprise to make a real difference in patient care.