Improving quality together

November 2014

Enter your work today!

It’s easy to enter the NHS Wales Awards and there are eight categories to choose from:

- Citizens at the centre of service re-design and delivery – work that involves supporting care in the community
- Improving patient safety – initiatives that prevent or reduce harm to patients
- Improving quality through better use of resources – achieving higher quality services by using resources in a more effective way including money, buildings, equipment and people
- Promoting better health and avoiding disease – clear strategies that have improved health and wellbeing of patients
- Promoting clinical research and application to practice – combining academic expertise with clinical practice to improve services
- Students improving patient safety and quality – initiatives that helped reduce or prevent harm to patients and improve care
- Working seamlessly across organisations – partnership working that has improved patient care

There is also an Outstanding Innovation in Care Award presented to the overall winner from the eight categories.

Why enter the awards

1. Get your team’s work recognised and celebrated!
2. Share what you’ve done to benefit all patients in Wales!
3. Improving Quality Together level projects are ready to enter!

2014 Winner Video

Find out more about last year’s winner of the Citizens at the centre of service redesign and delivery award, Care Home Ask and Talk Service (CHAaT). [Also on YouTube]

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NHS Wales Awards Video

Entries are open for the 2015 NHS Wales Awards – submit your project today!

Do you have an innovative project that’s making a difference to patient lives and raising the quality of care?

Is your work making a positive impact on patient safety?

Have you completed an Improving Quality Together Silver Level project, helping to improve standards and delivery of care?

If so, here’s the perfect opportunity to showcase your achievements by entering the 2015 NHS Wales Awards!

Welsh Health and Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford says, “In an age of austerity the pressures on our services are real. Against that background, it is especially important to recognise the efforts of staff who work so hard in caring for and supporting patients.

“The NHS Wales Awards 2015 are a chance for us to celebrate all that is good about the NHS and I would encourage anyone who works in the NHS to take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate excellence in care by submitting an entry to the Awards.”

Watch the video of last year’s awards ceremony (also available on YouTube)

Download the brochure [PDF]

Submit your entry

Tanya Strange, Divisional Nurse Primary Care (CHAaT Service Manager) said, “Winning the NHS Wales Award in the category of ‘Citizens at the centre of service redesign and delivery’ demonstrated the powerful impact patients and their relatives can have in driving forward sustainable models of excellence and innovation.

“There is a wealth of experience in the NHS Retirement Fellowship and winning the ‘Outstanding Innovation in Care Award’ shows how, with just a little imagination and the support of retired NHS staff, patient experience can be improved”.

Key dates

Closing date for entries: 5.00pm Friday 30 January 2015

Finalists announced: March 2015

NHS Wales Awards Ceremony: July 2015 in Cardiff

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