The Chief Scientific Officer is pleased to announce the launch of the CSO 2017 Awards.

The awards, now in their 11th year, feature some new categories which stand alongside our prestigious Healthcare Scientist of the Year award and Healthcare Science Rising Stars. Together, with our sponsors, we want to capture and celebrate the diversity of contributions healthcare science makes to the NHS and patient care, whether this is through leadership, clinical research, technological innovation or communicating science to the public.

**The award categories this year are:**
- Healthcare Scientist of the Year Award
- Healthcare Science Rising Stars
- Healthcare Science Patient and Public Participation Award
- Women in Science and Engineering Engagement Award
- CSO Shirley Fletcher Apprenticeship Award
- CSO Equality and Diversity Leadership Award
- Science in Health Research Award
- Science Driving Innovation in Healthcare Delivery Award

**Professor Sue Hill OBE, NHS Chief Scientific Officer for England,** said:

**"THE HEALTHCARE SCIENCE AWARDS SHOWCASE THE CRUCIAL CONTRIBUTION THAT SCIENCE MAKES TO THE NHS AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENSURE HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR ALL, NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS."**

**"WE HAVE BUILT ON THE SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR’S AWARDS TO DEVELOP ALL-INCLUSIVE CATEGORIES THAT WILL DEMONSTRATE THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF TALENT ACROSS SCIENCE IN HEALTH."**

Further details on the criteria for the different award categories and how to apply will be available online. Visit our website at [www.csoawards.org.uk](http://www.csoawards.org.uk) where you will be able to submit your application form.

To apply, please submit a summary of how you fit the award criteria. The submission should be a maximum of 200 words.

The awards are open to all healthcare scientists in England, whatever their role or grade.

The deadline for submissions is **17.00 on Monday 30 January 2017**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview in London on **Thursday 16 February** and the winners will be announced at our awards ceremony on the evening of **6 March 2017** as part of the Chief Scientific Officer’s annual conference.
Healthcare Scientist of the Year Award

The NHS is committed to working at the limits of science within the Constitution and significant new developments such as the 100,000 Genomes Project and Proton Beam Therapy centres show that science and scientists have never been more important to the future and sustainability of the NHS.

This award will celebrate an exceptional individual who has used their skills and scientific ability for maximum patient and service benefit, as recognised by their peers. Our judges are looking for healthcare scientists who have engaged and collaborated with the wider multi-professional groups over a significant period of time and beyond the boundaries of their service to demonstrate the broader contribution that scientists can make to the NHS.

Award Categories

1 Healthcare Scientist of the Year Award

Healthcare Science Rising Stars
Supported by NHS Employers

The calibre of individuals at the earlier stages of their careers in healthcare science has never been greater with the Scientist Training Programme continuing to attract some of the best and brightest graduates in the country.

This award (four Rising Stars will be selected) celebrates those healthcare scientists in the early stages of their career who are already demonstrating how much healthcare science can bring to 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. Particular credit will be given to those showing a clear vision and demonstrating the impact of their work.

2 Healthcare Science Partnering Patients and Citizens Award
Supported by National Voices

The NHS Five Year Forward View sets out a vision of “a new relationship with patients and communities” as a precondition for a system that improves health & wellbeing, the safety and quality of care, and financial sustainability. There is a growing evidence base that working in partnership with users of services and citizens, and supporting them to take a more active role, is not only the right thing to do in principle, but also an approach that leads to better outcomes.

This award celebrates healthcare scientists who in different ways exemplify the “new relationship” in their work; for example, making sure they understand what really matters to patients and families; using this intelligence to shape their approaches and activities; focussing on ways to give people more independence and control; focussing on people’s wellbeing in the broadest sense; and working in partnership with patients and families to achieve shared goals.

3 Science and Engineering Engagement Award
Supported by WISE

One of the greatest challenges is engaging with the public so they become enthused with the possibilities and potential of a career in science within the NHS. Our goal is to ensure the next generation of healthcare scientists are representative of the wider population.

This award will celebrate individuals and their initiatives who successfully encourage the take up of healthcare science as a career path. The judges will be particularly interested in how individuals have encouraged those from under-represented areas, particularly women, to become involved in physics, mathematics and computing within the healthcare sciences. The award is open to both men and women.
CSO Shirley Fletcher Apprenticeship Award

Apprenticeships are an important opportunity for employers to provide an effective means of developing the skills of their workforce. For individuals seeking a career in health, an apprenticeship can equip them with the skills they require, offering a genuine alternative to going to University or even an opportunity to combine an apprenticeship with higher education. Healthcare Science has long recognised the benefits of training apprentices for the HCS support workforce. New Trailblazer HCS apprenticeship standards have now been developed at Levels 2 and 4 with an emerging standard at Level 6 for HCS Practitioners.

Shirley Fletcher – well known to many of you - initiated the early HCS developments in this area. With her untimely death, 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 HCS, 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.

CSO Equality and Diversity Leadership Award

The CSO is keen to champion a fully inclusive leadership culture within healthcare science that better represents the demographic of our country and showcases the depth and breadth of diversity across the NHS.

The award is open to inspiring leaders who have lead the way for others and acted as role models for a next generation of healthcare scientists. The judges will be particularly interested in examples of how individuals have actively demonstrated a commitment to equality and diversity within healthcare science and the NHS.

Science in Health Research Award

Supported by the National School of Healthcare Science

It is vital that advances in healthcare science are driven by high quality and empirically sound scientific research. Healthcare scientists are crucial in improving the NHS's ability to undertake research and innovation and raising the game of health technology.

This award celebrates those clinical academic healthcare scientists who have undertaken ground-breaking research in the name of science in health, and who have in turn established strong foundations for scientific innovations to make a real difference in patient care. The judges will be looking for individuals who can demonstrate how their research has impacted the healthcare science community and wider NHS.

Science driving Innovation in Healthcare Delivery Award

Supported by the Academy for Healthcare Science

It is crucial that science and innovation is placed at the heart of the NHS to deliver the five year forward view. Science has the power to deliver on the three key action areas for future NHS sustainability. It can help bridge the care and quality gap, the funding and efficiency gap and the health and wellbeing gap.

This award recognises the development of the vital contribution of science to healthcare delivery. The judges will be looking for scientific initiatives for delivering care that have improved the integration of services and given patient's greater control of their own care.
Timetable

Launch
Monday 5 December 2016

Deadline for Submissions
17.00 Monday 30 January 2017

Shortlisting
Tuesday 31 January – Monday 6 February

Judging Day
Thursday 16 February

Winners Announced
Monday 6 March

Contact us
RACHAEL FISHER, Awards co-ordinator
020 8334 4500
rachael@chamberdunn.co.uk
www.chamberlaindunn.co.uk

The Old Candlemakers, West Street,
Lewes BN7 2NZ

csoawards.org.uk