



Bright Ideas in Health Awards 2024

Category: Demonstrating an Impact upon Patient Safety

This category is open to organisations in the North East and North Cumbria

The aim of any patient safety initiative should be to reduce unexpected or unintended harm within the healthcare system. Some issues we know and understand, and yet they remain 'wicked' problems which we have not been able to resolve. There are other more subtle issues that only become apparent when we look at safety systematically. The Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) encourages a change in safety culture, moving away from only looking at what goes 'wrong' to also understanding why, in most cases, it goes right.

Patient safety initiatives aim to improve the healthcare system to make it easier for staff to 'do the right thing' and reduce the risk of an error that can lead to harm. Whether we are dealing with local or system wide issues, the introduction of PSIRF supports a safety culture with a greater focus on improvement, and the engagement of staff and patients in identifying and co-designing solutions to improve patient safety and staff wellbeing.

This award recognises initiatives that directly impact on safety, and those that improve safety culture within an organisation. Patient Safety initiatives may focus on people, such as methods and processes to enhance communication between teams or encourage staff and patients to speak up about risk; or be more system-focused, looking at tasks, tools, technology, environment, or the organisation. System initiatives may include user friendly apps that develop the interoperability of systems, encouraging standardisation or introducing automation to a task or process that helps reduce variability.

Eligibility: This category is open to healthcare organisations, teams, and collaborations across the public and third sectors who have developed successful and continually improving patient safety initiatives.

The entry criteria for the **Demonstrating an Impact upon Patient Safety** category are:

The Idea

1. Describe the unmet need or problem your idea addresses:
2. How was the unmet need identified i.e. from users? patients? staff?
3. Describe your solution and how it works:
4. Explain the involvement of stakeholders (patients and staff) in designing the solution.
5. What is the benefit of the pathway/service/device/technology over current methods or products? a) for patients b) for clinicians c) in terms of cost
6. What is the current status of your innovation? e.g. has any funding been secured? plans in place for development/timescales etc

Evidence

7. Is there any evidence to demonstrate the effectiveness of the idea? a) is this already being used? b) if it is being used, where? c) through clinical trials/real world validation?

8. Are you aware of any companies/organisations who offer similar products or services?
9. Please detail any clinical/expert or PPI feedback you have received with regards to the innovation.

Development

10. Has your idea been discussed or shared with others?
11. Describe any challenges that may need to be overcome to further develop and/or implement your idea:
12. Have any other people or organisations been involved with your idea?
 - i. If so, who and how?
13. Are you aware of anyone conducting research or trying to solve the same problem?
 - i. If so, who?
14. Should this idea go further, would you be prepared to invest time in its development?
15. How does your innovation address issues relate to health inequalities such as digital poverty, accessibility, diversity etc)
16. How does your innovation impact on the NHS sustainability agenda (carbon footprint, travel etc)

Adoption and Sharing

17. Whilst innovation is undoubtedly important, its value is strengthened by its ultimate adoption. How would you drive the adoption of your innovation?

Entries will be assessed on the following:

Innovation: originality of the idea

Value: impact of the initiative on patient care and/or service effectiveness

Patient focus: evidence that patient/service user need was central to the work

Collaboration: evidence of the involvement of other professionals, services and/or patients in the project

Clinical effectiveness: data demonstrating how this initiative drives clinical enhancements

Leadership: evidence of entrants championing their innovation in their organisation or more widely

Adaptability: ideas that could be adapted for use elsewhere in entrants' organisations or other organisations

Sustainability: initiatives that can be embedded within organisations to operate without the input of the people who developed them

The deadline for entries is 31st July 2024

**For further information and to enter please visit: <https://brightideasinhealth.org.uk/>
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