

ENTRY DEADLINE: 11 DECEMBER 2019

## PHARMACY AND MEDICINES OPTIMISATION AWARD

The application of medicines safely which gives the patient choice and maintains their dignity and provides as much a positive experience as is possible is a corner stone of pharmacy. Ensuring that the medicines are provided with value for money in mind and is done in an efficient manner will have great benefits for the NHS. There are many initiatives which optimise the application of medicines including waste management, working with service users on their experience and identifying ineffective usage.

This award highlights pharmacy teams and departments which drive better efficiencies and add value to their organisations through reducing waste whilst maintaining safety. Judges want to hear about innovative projects to provide value for money services to their users.

### Eligibility

Entries are open to all NHS and public sector pharmacy teams.

### ENTRY CRITERIA

#### Ambition

- Describe the context of operations in medicines and pharmacy, try to give judges a clear understanding of dynamic between pharmacy and the rest of the organisation
- What improvements were identified and how did the team go about doing this?
- Provide an explanation of how you aimed to achieve improved value in pharmacy
- Provide an explanation of how the project plan was informed by existing best practice or evidence
- A demonstrable focus on patient safety alongside efficiency improvements

#### Outcome

- Describe the results of your initiative or innovation. Ensure you relate the results directly to the ambition
- How has the work benefited patients, their experience and their knowledge and awareness of medicine usage?
- Provide evidence of any reduction in waste, inefficient practice, or unsafe application
- What innovative practices were employed?
- Give details on money saved through more productive working, how has this benefited your organisation?

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#### Spread

- How has the pharmacy team worked with other departments, teams and organisations to share best practice?
- How are you working with communications to disseminate your learnings to other parts of the organisation or further afield?

#### Value

- Clear evidence the work has improved value in pharmacy. Of interest will be projects which have simultaneously delivered financial savings and improved patient experience – creating value for taxpayers and patients alike
- Quantitative or qualitative evidence of improved value should be supplied. This could include financial records, monitoring reports or testimonials
- Value created can be focused on financial advantages for the wider organisation but could also be patient experience, collaboration with other departments to improve processes or safety enhancements

#### Involvement

- A commitment to medicines optimisation that goes far beyond the pharmacy team, and which is embedded in practice throughout a department or – preferably – an organisation
- How have you included patient engagement in any changes?
- Demonstrable commitment to talking to patients about their medication, and to understanding patients' experiences of taking a medication

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