



# ALLIANCE AWARDS 2017

## Nomination Guidance and Criteria

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## 1. Categories

There are five award categories which are open to all Alliance members in any role or sector:

- Rising Star
- BHF Champion
- Integrated Care
- Leadership & Engagement
- Team of the Year

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## 2. Nomination Guidelines

### Who can nominate?

Alliance members can nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague, line manager, BHF staff member or a person affected by, or at risk of developing CVD or their carer.

Both teams and individuals are encouraged to self-nominate; however, you will need to provide details of a colleague or line manager who can support the evidence provided in the nomination and who is willing to provide a supporting statement of up to 300 words if required.

Individuals and teams can be nominated for more than one category; a new form will need to be completed each time.

### How do you nominate?

All nominators must complete an online nomination form; therefore, an internet connection is required to complete the form. The link at the end of the document will take you to the online form.

It is suggested you read this document fully before starting your nomination so you have all the information you need to complete the form.

**When is the deadline for submitting a nomination?**

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 5pm.

**When will award winners be announced?**

The shortlist will be announced on Thursday 6 April 2017.

The winners and highly commended awards will be presented at the [British Cardiovascular Society Annual](#) Conference Awards Dinner, on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

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### **3. General Award Criteria**

**Nominations for the five individual award categories must all meet the following criteria:**

- The nominee must be a member of the Alliance; in the case of teams, one team member must be a member of the Alliance.
- Each nomination must show how the nominated individual or team has gone above and beyond the expectations of their role and overcome challenges to make an exceptional contribution to cardiovascular patient care, prevention of cardiovascular disease or survival rates from sudden cardiovascular events.
- All nominations should demonstrate how the nominated individual or team demonstrates the BHF values of Brave, Informed, Compassionate and Driven in their own way.

**If applicable the nomination should demonstrate how BHF support has helped them in their role. Examples of this include:**

- As part of a fully funded project such as House of Care or Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (FH) Service.
  - Through funding for learning and development.
  - Through use of BHF publications or information in their role or service.
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## 4. Individual Award Criteria

In addition to the above, all five individual awards have their own set of criteria as follows which each nomination must demonstrate:

### RISING STAR

This award recognises an Alliance member who has demonstrated excellence, leadership and passion in a career spanning fewer than 10 years, supporting people living with or at risk of CVD.

Previous winners of this award have included roles such as Healthcare Assistant, Occupational Therapist and Heart Failure Nurse.

**Nominations should demonstrate the following elements:**

- A clear example of a project or programme they have led on, or played a significant role within, that has improved outcomes for patients or other service users; clearly explaining their role in this project. Ideally this should demonstrate their leadership skills and willingness or ability to innovate.
- Details of how the nominee naturally regards patients and service users as partners in co-producing health and wellbeing and sets an example of this.

### BHF CHAMPION

This award recognises BHF Alliance members who champion the BHF's values and support our mission to win the fight against cardiovascular disease. Previous BHF Champions have included CVD specialist nurses and BHF Supporter Lisa Jackson aka Patty Dumplin.

**Nominations should demonstrate a project, programme or initiative the nominee has led on which supports one or more of the following BHF strategic ambitions:**

- Fundraising - helping to fund more vital research discoveries by actively leading on fundraising for BHF campaigns and events; or leading on a trust or community fundraising day for BHF such as hospital and community heart health awareness days.
- Raising awareness – leading the fight to prevent more people developing CVD through community-based projects aimed at raising awareness and empowering healthy lifestyle choices using BHF information and publications; such as practice-based CVD health check clinics and community exercise and diet classes.
- Promoting BHF Nation of Lifesavers – helping more people survive a cardiac arrest or heart attack through promoting the BHF Nation of lifesavers within their community; this includes raising awareness of CPR, how to use a defibrillator and other lifesaving skills.

## INTEGRATED CARE

This award recognises an individual or team (at least one team member should be a member of the BHF Alliance) in any care sector who has developed integrated services to improve the experiences of those affected by, or at risk of developing CVD.

Previous winners have included remote based multidisciplinary clinics which integrate services to provide the best care to rurally located patients.

**Nominees must have undertaken an initiative that has demonstrably improved the integration and accessibility of person-centred care for people with cardiovascular conditions. Examples include:**

- Care pathways re-design and implementation which delivers seamless care for patients and their carers; ensuring a personalised approach by recognising and working according to both health and social care needs.
- Delivery of multi-disciplinary teams and roles to facilitate greater holistic care coordination for a range of comorbidities.
- Workforce Development – introduction of a training programme for new team members which ensures a holistic and integrated model of care approach is available to all patients.

## LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

This award recognises Alliance members who inspire and engage with staff and service users; improving, integrating and transforming services to deliver best practice and maximising staff wellbeing and performance through engagement and empowerment.

Previous winning leaders have transformed at-risk services to reach sustained status through strong leadership, engagement in partnership working and the empowerment of colleagues and partners. These leaders have worked at a high level striving to influence service commission and government legislation.

**Nominations should demonstrate how the nominee has effectively utilised their leadership and engagement skills by providing an outline of a successful project or initiative which includes the following elements:**

- Using innovative thinking to scope and plan a strategic objective to transform or introduce services.
- Demonstrate how skills such as courage, resilience and creativity were used to deliver the desired objectives.
- Show how they motivate and encourage contribution from staff and other stakeholders to engage and support targets and outcomes.
- Demonstrate how they measure, evaluate and celebrate success in an encompassing way.

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

This award recognises that delivering high quality care is a team effort, involving collaboration between colleagues. A team can be any group of people who work together to provide a service and must include at least one Alliance member. The team could be multidisciplinary; a collaborative from more than one organisation, or could all work in the same discipline but must include a mixed skill set.

Previous winners include NHS Western Isles whose team members are trained to adopt multiple skillsets in the treatment of CVD with an innovative and forward thinking approach. Also previous winners, for pioneering a new model of care, were Salford Royal Cardiac Rehabilitation Team who developed external partnerships to strengthen the service provided.

**Nominations must show evidence of effective team working to meet common objectives satisfying the following criteria:**

- How they work together effectively to deliver measureable improvements to patients and service users as a team, providing high quality patient care and service delivery.
  - Details of projects or initiatives they have developed and how the team has developed its skills to achieve their objectives.
  - How they work with other teams to influence best practice.
  - Describe the values which underpin their success as a team; what makes them outstanding and how they measure and celebrate success to ensure each team member feels recognised for the role they play.
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## 5. Ready to Nominate?

**If you're ready to nominate use the red button to access the electronic nomination form:**

**NOMINATE NOW**

**Still not sure? Read about our previous winners online:**

- [Alliance Awards 2016](#)
- [Alliance Awards 2015](#)