NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes NHS

Encourage, recognise and reward...

"The public recognition of creativity amongst NHS staff is the goal of these new Challenge Prizes. They should become a shining example of how to transform exciting and innovative ideas into better health for patients."

Professor Sunil Shaunak
Professor of Infectious Diseases, Imperial College London

The NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes recognise and reward ideas that tackle some of the most challenging areas of healthcare.

What makes us different from other awards schemes? Prizes are awarded for achievement of specific challenges, ranging from significant improvements in delivery through to major clinical breakthroughs. The rewards are substantial, with prize money amounts that reflect the nature of the challenge. Our biggest winner to date received £100,000! Of course there is the added value in knowing that these innovations are making a real difference to patients and the NHS.

Challenges: There are nine opportunities to find innovative solutions for delivering treatment and care:

- Better management of pregnancy
- Reducing avoidable medicines waste
- Control of infection
- Early cancer diagnosis
- Emergency care – right place, first time
- Reducing avoidable use of primary care
- Reducing falls and falls injuries
- Improving diagnostic investigation
- Identification and diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

More challenges will be added throughout the year, so stay in touch by visiting the website for updates.

Innovators across the NHS are already realising the benefits of the NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes. If you are working with, or for the NHS, and have a great idea, big or small, then we want to hear from you.

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