

News Release

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North West NHS Innovation Awards 2009 Application Process Now Closed

The 2009 North West NHS Innovation competition deadline has now passed and the application process is now closed. For up to date news on the awards visit: www.northwestnhsinnovationawards.co.uk

TrusTECH would also like to take this opportunity to thank all applicants who have entered the competition. Successful applicants will be notified that they are a shortlisted finalist week commencing 05 October 2009 and will be required to attend the award night on 11 November 2009.

Managed by *TrusTECH*, the North West NHS Innovation Hub, the awards provide the opportunity to win up to £1000 and receive advice from specialist NHS Innovation Managers at *TrusTECH*.

This year, the four core categories (shown below) each have a £1000 prize for the first prize winner towards further development of their innovation.

1. Training or Educational Materials
2. Medical Device, Equipment, Diagnostics, or Therapeutics
3. Software/Systems
4. Service Innovations or Developments

The awards were open to anyone with an employment or honorary contract with a North West NHS organisation. Last year's awards saw more than 100 entries, across 4 categories, submitted for consideration by a judging panel of 16 experts from within the NHS, professional media and specialist commercial companies.

The awards are presented directly to the innovators on behalf of their trusts with the winning professional in each category picking up a cheque for £1000 on behalf of their Trust. In addition the winners may also be put forward for a National Awards program, organised by the National Innovation Centre.

Richard Deed, Innovation Unit Manager of *TrusTECH* says “Now in its seventh year the North West NHS Innovation Awards is the only scheme dedicated to rewarding North West NHS innovators. Previous year’s awards have highlighted the vast amount of innovations that are taking place and being developed in NHS Trusts across the North West. It really does show that our region is at the forefront of NHS innovation and we hope this continues.”

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Note for Editors:

About the Competition:

The North West NHS Innovation Awards, launched by *TrusTECH* in 2002 to all NHS Trusts in the North West, is the only scheme dedicated to rewarding North West NHS Innovators.

About last year’s competition:

- In 2008 *TrusTECH* received 114 applications for the competition. 47 applications were received in the Service Innovations or Developments Category (47%); 33 received in the Training or Educational Materials category (29%); 21 received in the Software/Systems category (18%); and 13 received in the Medical Device, Equipment, Diagnostics, or Therapeutics category (11%).
- A total of 42 Trusts in the North West had representatives who submitted an application; no applications were submitted from representatives of the remaining 21 Trusts.
- The competition opened in May 2008 with the closing date for applications on Friday 4 July 2008.
- The award ceremony took place on Tuesday 28 October, at the Last Drop Village Hotel, Bolton, Lancashire.

About *TrusTECH*

- In 2008 *TrusTECH* (www.trustech.org.uk) was established in early 2001, as a partnership between Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Central Lancashire.



NHS Innovations North West

- *TrusTECH* is part of the NHS and serves 55 NHS Trusts across the North West.
- *TrusTECH* is one of nine regional innovation hubs based in England and coordinated by the National Innovation Centre (NIC; www.nic.nhs.uk).

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