



Acorn Awards 2009

Judging criteria: Pharmaceutical Services Commissioning

Judges: Jonathan Mason; Sue Sharpe; Ronan Brett; Shailen Rao; Georgina Craig (facilitator judge)

This NEW award is designed to showcase PCTs who are excelling at world class commissioning of pharmaceutical services. The judging criteria for this award are closely aligned with world class commissioning competencies. The judges are especially looking for evidence of:

- ④ Collaborative PCT leadership in relation to pharmaceutical service needs assessment, strategy development and market stimulation;
- ④ Joined up thinking and integration of pharmaceutical service commissioning with wider PCT planning and commissioning processes;
- ④ Innovative service commissioning and delivery;
- ④ Facilitation of joined up working between GPs and pharmaceutical service providers to improve safety and quality of care.

PCTs are asked to provide evidence of their work on pharmaceutical services commissioning to illustrate their achievements and progress in relation to the following questions:

- ④ How did you / are you approaching your PNA to ensure it is joined up with wider PCT/local authority needs assessment processes? How are you engaging stakeholders (including the public) with the PNA process?
- ④ How have you mapped current and potential future providers of pharmaceutical services? How are you engaging them in the commissioning process?
- ④ How have you encouraged collaboration between GPs and pharmaceutical service providers; what has been the impact in quality and safety of care for patients?
- ④ What do local service providers say about you as a commissioning partner?

Entries should relate to achievements in the year 2008/2009. The judges do not wish to be restrictive about the information you provide or how it is presented, but ask you to limit entries to four sides of A4. You can include tables or graphics if you wish but any material exceeding the four sides of A4 limit will be disregarded. Please submit your entry by 31st July, 2009 by email. Entry forms from Kaye Locke, Kaye@nhsalliance.org or download from the NHS Alliance website www.nhsalliance.org.