

Patients in Focus Awards 2010

National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society
Patients in Focus

Have you developed a new idea to improve services for, or the education of, your Rheumatoid Arthritis patients?

If so, you can win £1,500!

It's easy to enter, all you need to do is:

- Write your entry - a maximum of 3 A4 sides
- Include any supporting material you may wish to provide (eg. Flyers, patients' testimonials etc.)
- Complete the form and have it signed by your clinical lead
- Send it to NRAS by Friday 29th January 2010

About the Patients in Focus Awards

The National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society's Patients in Focus Award aims to recognise patient-centred initiatives and good practice in the education, treatment and care of people with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Applications are invited from teams and individuals working in rheumatology both in hospital units and in the community.

We know from our own personal experience and from our members' comments, the importance of the contribution made by their rheumatology team. They can make a real difference to the quality of life for many people with this devastating disease.

We believe it is extremely important to highlight the good practice, which we know exists in rheumatology clinics throughout the UK, and to emphasize the need for multi-disciplinary teams, acknowledged to be necessary in the delivery of care for people with RA.

It is an exciting time in rheumatology now and we believe these awards, and the publicity that will surround them, will help to raise awareness of the need for best standards of care to be recognised and shared with all professionals in rheumatology, so that more patients can look forward to improved quality of life.

The Judging Panel

Professor David G I Scott MD, FRCP

Consultant Rheumatologist, NRAS Chief Medical Advisor

Ailsa Bosworth

NRAS CEO

Together with judges taken from all disciplines in the MDT

Winner 2009



Julie Taylor

North Bristol Healthcare, Clinical Nurse Specialist—'Mum's with RA—Patient Support and Participation a Two Way Partnership'

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Patients' in Focus Awards 2010 Entry Form



Entries are invited from individuals and teams, large and small rheumatology units as well as GPs with a special interest and community practitioners

●●● Criteria

- Demonstration of a significant patient focused initiative with evaluation of outcomes and evidence of patient benefit
- Effective utilization of the multi-disciplinary team
- Demonstration of long-term strategic planning
- Use of available resources and shared care
- Innovation and creativity

●●● Judging Criteria

- Care/Education of the Patient
- Innovation and creativity
- Best use of available resources
- Evidence of patient involvement throughout
- Outcome measures

●●● General Remarks

- Supporting evidence should be provided. This can be material in any format including photographs, video, patient' endorsement or other relevant documentation
- Confirmation/verification of the entry must be signed by your Senior Consultant/ Manager and the work be verified as original
- Applicants must agree to publicity
- Submissions should be no longer than 3 sides of A4, no less than font size 11

●●● Eligibility

- Entry is open to all rheumatology professionals, including consultant led teams (with the provision that the majority of the work be done by allied health professionals)
- The award is also open to primary care professionals who provide care to people with Rheumatoid Arthritis
- The award will be open for entries from **Monday 14th September 2009** and will close on **Friday 29th January 2010**

●●● Prizes

- **The winner will receive a bursary of £1,500 to be used for educational purposes**
- The winner will be announced at the 2010 BSR/BHPR AGM and Conference in Birmingham, when he/she will have the opportunity to present their entry to the conference.
- Attendance, overnight and travel expenses will also be available for the winner
- An abstract of the winning entry will be distributed at conference and details published on the NRAS website



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●●●●●● Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Your Full Name

Job Title

Work Address

Contact Telephone Number

Contact Email Address

Name of Unit Director/Lead Consultant

Signature of Unit Director/Lead Consultant

Position

Date

●●●●●● **Entry Checklist**

Please ensure you have:

- Read the judging criteria
- Filled in this form
- Completed your submission
- Enclosed supporting evidence
- Please submit your entry by

Friday 29th January 2010

●●●●●● **Send Completed Form To:**

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