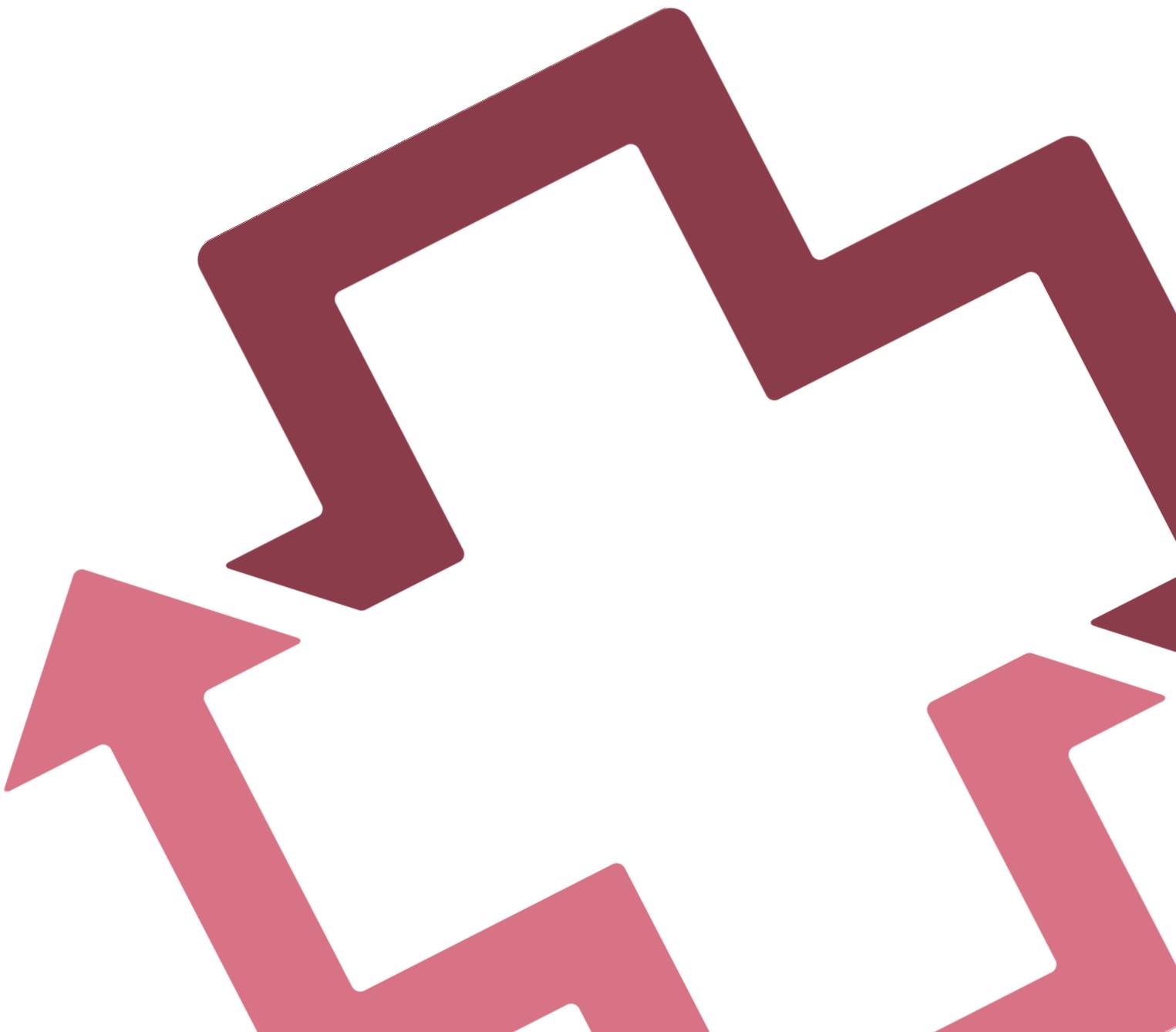


Sustainable Health and Care Awards Guide



Please read through this document before entering an award.

How the awards have been developed

The first 10 awards are based on the 10 themes of the SDU's [Sustainable Development Assessment Tool](#). The online tool is designed to help NHS and health and care organisations understand their sustainable development work, measure progress and help create the focus of and action plans for their sustainable development management plans (SDMP). It is made up of ten modules, uses four cross cutting themes and is closely aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

There are also two awards to celebrate and recognise inspirational individuals.

Who can enter the awards?

These awards are open for entry from NHS, health and care organisations in England including any public sector working in the area of health such as local authorities and councils.

Organisations can enter more than one category and may submit more than one person or project for the same award.

What are the judges looking for?

Specific criteria information can be found online with each category form. However, when preparing your award entry we encourage you to show how the initiative contributes to these four areas:

- **Governance and policy** – is the work embedded into a longer-term plan or policy, backed at a senior level.
- **Corporate impact** – Can the organisation demonstrate direct improvements from its actions which are resulting in cost savings and carbon reduction.
- **Procurement and supply chain** – Can you provide any evidence on how you have involved, engaged or considered suppliers or could do so in the future.
- **Working with staff, patients and communities** – Can you demonstrate how patients, staff and community partners have been involved in the project; how it has or will benefit them.

(We appreciate that not all applications will be able to show impact in all of these areas)

For all awards, we ask that you highlight quickly which of the 17 UN SDGs you think your initiative supports. You will find a check box on the award entry form.

How to enter the awards?

Entries need to be submitted via the online form which can be found on the [Sustainable Health and Care website](#).

Submissions should be less than 1,500 words and we would advise you to draft your entry on a Word document first and then copy into the form once you've completed it. This is so that you don't lose any of your work.

You can follow the latest news about the awards one on our web pages and on Twitter [@SustHealthCare](#).

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Entries are open.

Closing date is Friday 20 July 2018.

The shortlist will be announced in September 2018 and the awards will be presented at the Sustainable Health and Care Forum in November at The Tower Hotel, London on 22 November.

All organisations who are shortlisted for the awards will receive one complimentary places to the awards ceremony and conference.

Judging

A panel of judges will be drawn up from leaders across the health and care sector. These will also include a judge from our award sponsors. Once the panel is finalised we will announce the list.

Dedicated judges will be allocated to each category and the judge of that category will decide the winner and finalists.

There will be one winner and a possible two highly commended.

Queries?

If you have any questions about the awards please contact sustainability@nhsemployers.org