

Nomination Guidance

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What do the judges look for?

The nomination form is built around five areas. These help the judges understand what you did, why it mattered and what difference it made.

You do not need to overcomplicate your answers. You just need to be clear, specific and honest about the work involved.

1 - Background

This section should cover why you started the project/idea.

What issue were you trying to address? Was there a gap in care, a process that was not working as well as it could, or a group of patients or colleagues who needed additional support?

Try to describe what things looked like before the project began. This may include who was affected, how many people were involved, and why the team felt something needed to change. Was there something specific that prompted you to start this?

2 - Resources

This section should cover what you needed to make the project happen.

This may include funding, equipment, training, staff time, data, rooms, patient information, or support from other colleagues. You may also want to explain how you gathered these resources, was this all done within your own practice, or in partnership with other PCNs, or other organisations.

The judges are not looking for projects with the biggest budget or largest amount of available resources. They are looking to understand how you used the resources available to you, and how you found a way to move the work forward with these resources.

3 - Quality & Safety

This section is about how you made sure the project was safe, effective and appropriate.

Did you need to introduce any new checks, processes or protocols? Why did you need to introduce them? Did you need to involve clinical governance, update guidance, review risk, or agree a new way of working with the wider team?

This does not need to be overly detailed or procedural. The key point in this section is to show that quality and safety were considered as part of the project.

4 - Outcomes

This section is about what changed as a result of the project.

What were you hoping to achieve, and what actually happened? How has the work affected patients, colleagues, the practice, the PCN or the wider community?

If you have collected data as part of your project, this is where you can include it. This could be the number of patients you have supported, any changes in appointment use, feedback received, a reduction in waiting times, staff confidence improved, or any other evidence that helps show the impact of what you have done.

If the project is still running, explain where you are currently, and what you hope will happen in the future.

5 - Sharing & Learning

This section is about what others could learn from your work.

What did you learn along the way? What worked well? What would you do differently next time? Have you shared the project with anyone else, such as another practice, your PCN, a forum, a network meeting or a wider team? What was the feedback or learning points?

This section is also a chance to show how your work could help others. Even if your project was designed for your own practice, this could be the spark for others to start their own project.

Poster

As part of the nomination, you will be asked to produce an A3 poster summarising your project, which will go on display if shortlisted.

The poster must be submitted by **28 August 2026 alongside your nomination**. We will print the posters for display at the awards evening.

A template is provided for teams who would like to use it. This is there to make the process easier and to help you structure the key information clearly.

You are also welcome to design your own poster if you would prefer. The most important thing is that the poster is clear, readable and helps the judges understand your project, what you did and the difference it made.

The poster is worth 20 out of the 100 available points, so it is worth taking some time to ensure it covers the key points of your project.

Unsure if you qualify?

If you, or your team, identified a problem, made a change and can show that it has made a difference - it is likely to be relevant and worth nominating for the Gill Schweigert Innovation award.

If you are unsure, please get in touch with the Training Hub team by emailing [**comms.cwth@nhs.net**](mailto:comms.cwth@nhs.net) and we will be happy to talk it through with you.