

Institute of Healthcare Management Scotland

Bob Scott Brown Award

Introduction

Bob Scott Brown, a popular and well respected IHM supporter tragically died in July 2000, just after launching the Institute's new web site at our annual conference in Dunblane. Bob was only 52, although he had the enthusiasm and passion of someone much younger. He had a major impact upon primary care across Scotland, particularly in the Dumfries area where he managed two practices. Bob appreciated the contribution patient focused primary care could make to improving health and healthcare. With every succeeding national policy initiative his vision is being increasingly endorsed and recognized. Bob as a Council member of the IHM Scotland certainly promoted it vigorously through his many outlets

The Award

Bob's contribution and memory is recognised in a positive fashion by an annual award to encourage identification and dissemination of good practice. As Bob was so passionate about what could be achieved in primary care the award is directed at this sector. The inaugural 2001 award was secured by an excellent entry on coronary heart disease, a national clinical priority, from the Townhead practice in Montrose, Angus. In 2002, perhaps very appropriately, the Stewartry Project in Dumfries and Galloway on integrated care of strokes was successful. In 2003, the contribution of the voluntary sector was recognized by an imaginative transport and befriending project from Barrhead and Neilston. In 2004, a Nurse led initiative in Cumbernauld on the management of chronic pain turned up trumps. In 2005 Speech Therapists in Forth Valley with their CHAT scheme triumphed.

Is 2006 your year???

In no more than 1000 words, your entry should outline an innovative development in primary care which encourages joint working between the professions and across traditional boundaries. It should demonstrate real benefits to patients. It must contain the names of two confirmatory referees.

The award will be presented at IHM Scotland's annual conference on 10/11 October at the Airth Castle Hotel, and published by IHM in the appropriate journals. The winner will receive a suitable memento and a personal cheque for £1000. The recipient is expected to attend the Award Ceremony and will be called upon to briefly describe the project and what the nomination and award means to him/her and their patients/clients

Selection Process & Criteria

Selection of the winner of the Bob Scott Brown Memorial Award will be conducted by an adjudicating panel using the following criteria:

The applicant works in general practice/ primary care in Scotland but need not be a member of IHM.

The project has real benefits for patients

The applicant can demonstrate personal enthusiasm, energy and leadership

The project promotes joint partnership working across traditional boundaries

The project has the hall mark of good practice and is capable of roll-out throughout the NHS.

Entries for the Bob Scott Brown Memorial Award, from both members and non-members, should be sent to:

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Closing date: 8 September 2006