



## APTUK 2025 Pharmacy Technician Awards winners

The APTUK Annual Conference Awards celebrate and acknowledge successful individuals, teams and projects within the pharmacy technician profession. We are delighted to be able to recognise all sectors of pharmacy practice and individual excellence through these awards. Prizes include an engraved trophy and an educational bursary towards attendance at APTUK Annual Conference 2026.

This year we have received an amazing 97 nominations, across all the awards. As a result, competition was very high, but after deliberation and review of each nomination by at least 3 independent judges, we can now announce the winners for each award below.

The winners will be announced at the APTUK 2025 Conference and Awards Dinner on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead.

### Pharmacy Technician Team of the Year Award

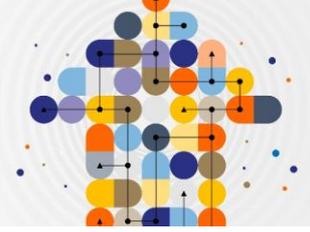
The APTUK Pharmacy Technician Team of the Year Award focuses on the pivotal role that outstanding teams of pharmacy technicians have on influencing positive person-centred patient care. This can be through innovation, service development or research.

Nominee	<b>Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Pharmacy Technician Team</b>
Nominated by	Lead Pharmacy Technician Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Nomination Summary	The pharmacy technician team at Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust delivers innovative, person-centred care across mental health services. From improving clozapine safety and education, to transforming medicines supply and leading workforce development, the team's collaborative and forward-thinking approach is driving real change locally and nationally. Their work supports safer, more informed care for patients and carers, while championing the pharmacy technician profession across Sussex and beyond.

### Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award

The APTUK Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award acknowledges the commitment, dedication and achievement of Pre-Registration Pharmacy Technicians. The award will be made to a trainee who, in the opinion of the judges, demonstrates outstanding effort and commitment.

Nominee	<b>Sereita Carnagie</b> Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician, Barts Health NHS Trust
Nominated by	Lead Education, Training and Development Pharmacy Technician, Barts Health NHS Trust
Nomination summary	Sereita faced many challenges during her time as a PTPT but was determined to complete the course and achieve her dream of being a pharmacy technician. Additionally, she was newly-diagnosed with dyslexia during the early days of her training and engaged meaningfully with the resources to support this. She shared her experience of this openly with others to encourage them on their own journeys, determined to use her story to potentially help others.



## Excellence in Pharmacy Education Award

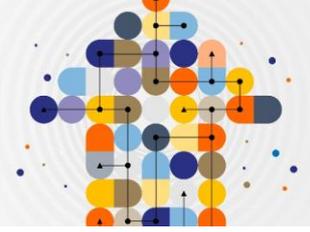
The APTUK Excellence in Pharmacy Education Award recognises an outstanding pharmacy technician, team or project that has made a significant contribution to education, training and development of pharmacy technicians or pharmacy teams in the UK.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Gemma Bartlett</b> Specialist Anticoagulation Pharmacy Technician, Royal Glamorgan Hospital Pharmacy
<b>Nominated by</b>	Clinical Pharmacist, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board
<b>Nomination Summary</b>	The nominee has significantly advanced the skills and confidence of pharmacy technicians across diverse practice areas through mentorship, targeted education, and consultation skills training. Their work includes supporting pre-registration technicians in coronary care, developing an anticoagulation education resource, and delivering essential consultation skills teaching. This impactful project has empowered technicians to adopt more clinically focused roles, contributing to the professional growth of pharmacy teams across the UK.

## APTUK Advancing Clinical Practice Award

The APTUK Advancing Clinical Practice Award is open to pharmacy technicians, pharmacy teams or a project that has contributed to significant clinical advancement over the past 12 months.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Abbigail Stirling</b> Senior GP Pharmacy Technician, Sunlight Group Practice
<b>Nominated by</b>	President Primary Care Pharmacy Association (PCPA)
<b>Nomination Summary</b>	Abbie is redefining pharmacy technician practice! A natural leader, clinical innovator, published author, and national chair for PCPA. She champions patient-centred care and research-led practice in primary care. From heart failure clinics, CVD management to research studies - Abbie drives quality, safety & professional excellence. A mentor, national speaker, and trailblazer for advanced roles, her impact is local, regional, and national- and unstoppable. Abbie embodies the future of Pharmacy Technicians: clinical, confident, and inspiring!



## APTUK Inspirational Leadership Award

The APTUK Inspirational Leadership Award is open to pharmacy technicians who have shown inspirational leadership within their team over the past 12 months.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Simon Plant</b> Associate Head of Pharmacy - Operations Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust
<b>Nominated by</b>	Chief Pharmacist and Chief Clinical Information Officer (CCIO), Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust
<b>Nomination Summary</b>	Simon Plant from Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust is nominated for the APTUK Inspirational Leadership Award for his work, dedication and leadership in the design of our Pharmacy estate across 3 sites, changes to our workforce diversity, development of our services and the move of our patients, medicines and teams from 2 acute sites to the UK's newest large scale super hospital – Midland Metropolitan University Hospital.

## APTUK Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champion of the Year Award

The APTUK Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champion of the Year award recognises an outstanding pharmacy technician who has championed the values of equality, diversity and inclusion within the workplace over the past 12 months.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Sarah Sharman</b> Senior Pharmacy Technician Antimicrobial & Ward Services, Chesterfield Royal Hospital
<b>Nominated by</b>	Pharmacy Workforce Lead Joined Up Care Derbyshire
<b>Nomination Summary</b>	Sarah has significantly advanced Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in pharmacy by auditing antibiotic guidelines for gender inclusivity, adding pronouns to name badges and forming the APTUK Pride branch. Her work has improved patient care for trans and gender non-conforming individuals, set new standards in pharmacy practice and raised the profile of pharmacy technicians. Sarah's dedication and leadership make her a deserving candidate for the EDI Champion of the Year Award.