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RCGP ADOLESCENT HEALTH CARE AWARD

(in memory of Dr Kathy Phipps)

Background to the Award

Dr Kathy Phipps was an active and enthusiastic member of the RCGP Adolescent Health Group when she, and her cardiologist husband, were tragically killed in a motor cycle accident in March 2008. They left three teenage children.

This Award has been established to encourage general practices to provide higher standards of care for their teenage patients in keeping with the objectives of the College itself, the aims of the Task Group, and the memory of Dr Phipps.

Description of the Award

The Award of £2,500 and a commemorative plaque is for an individual GP or practice which has demonstrated a significant innovation or improvement in the standard of care provided for young people in the previous three years.

Terms & Conditions

1. Applications for the award may be made by individual College members, or by practice teams of which at least one GP is a College member in good standing.

2. Details of any innovation or improvement included in an application may be publicised, irrespective of the outcome of the award, to allow dissemination of examples of good practice.

3. Details of a significant innovation or improvement in the standard of care provided for young people in the previous three years should be given in the application.

4. If the applicant wishes to submit two initiatives for consideration, two separate applications should be made.

5. If two or more applications are considered to have equal merit then a joint award can be made. If no suitable application is received then an award will not be made.

6. Applications will be assessed by a panel including a member of the College Awards Committee, the Chair (or deputy) of the RCGP Adolescent Health Group (now Primary Care Society), one other GP member, and a young person to provide lay representation. The panel will make a recommendation to the Awards Committee for approval.

7. The Award will be made annually for a five year period.

8. Members of the adjudication panel are not permitted to apply for the Award.

9. Following adjudication of the award and notification to applicants of the result, no further correspondence will be entered into relating to the adjudication process.

10. Unsuccessful projects or initiatives may be re-submitted after a gap of one year. These would need to show innovation in the two years prior to the new submission.

11. The Award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

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How to Apply

Applications should be sent as a Word document and consist of a maximum of six sides of A4 (12 font) covering the areas listed below.

Additional information can be provided in whatever format is appropriate. For any information that cannot be sent electronically (e.g. patient information leaflets, videos etc) please provide at least five copies by post.

One page of the application should consist of a summary of the project that will be assessed by the teenage lay adjudicator on the panel. Please use language in this section that is likely to be accessible to someone in this age group.

Information to be included in submission - please answer all the following points if possible:

- Who is the lead applicant? Please provide the full name, full postal address, email address and telephone number of the lead applicant. If the application is being made on behalf of a whole practice, then the applicant should be the main contact person for the practice.
- Where was the innovation or project carried out? Please give a brief description of the key features of the practice and practice population.
- Add dates of when innovation or improvement took place.
- Why did you decide to undertake the innovation or project? For example was a particular need identified by the practice itself, did the idea come from young people or patients themselves, or was it motivated by hearing about similar initiatives elsewhere.
- Who has been involved in the innovation or project? Please list names, job titles and roles within the project.
- What were the original aims / objectives of the innovation or project? What were you hoping to achieve?
- What did you do? Give a description of the innovation or project, providing sufficient detail that it could be replicated elsewhere.
- How effective was the improvement or innovation? Describe the impact of what you have done including the results of any formal or informal evaluation. The views of young people themselves are particularly valuable.
- What were the costs of the innovation or initiative? Provide information that would be helpful in helping other practices or GPs to decide whether to undertake a similar approach. Consider both financial and human resource implications.
- What are your reflections on the innovation or initiative? What advice would you give to other practices or GPs considering undertaking a similar approach?
- Any other information that you think would be useful for the panel to know.

The information given on applications will be used solely for the purpose of supporting the objectives of the RCGP in the administration of its awards. All data will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

The same piece of work can only be used to apply for one College award or prize within a 3 year period.

Completed applications should be sent to the Awards Administrator at the RCGP.

Closing date: 31 May 2013

Electronic submissions to mpatel@rcgp.org.uk
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