Birmingham, June 27th, 2019: The fourth inaugural Antibiotic Guardian awards took place last night to celebrate the work of healthcare professionals across UK and abroad in tackling antimicrobial resistance. These awards form part of the ongoing Antibiotic Guardian campaign which is led by Public Health England in collaboration with UK devolved administrations and professional bodies.

The Antibiotic Guardian campaign aims to increase commitment and raise awareness among the public and healthcare professionals about how we can slow the development of resistant bacteria and cut overuse and unnecessary use of antibiotics. Without effective antibiotics many routine treatments will become increasingly dangerous.

As part of the campaign, groups including students and educators, farmers, veterinary and medical, nursing and pharmacy communities and professional organisations can all sign up to become Antibiotic Guardians.

The evening, co-organised by 4 All of Us, was attended by healthcare organisations across England, Scotland, Wales, Europe & Asia, who had all submitted entries and then shortlisted for their achievements in work to help combat antibiotic resistance and protect antibiotic usage. Award categories included Animal Health, Community Engagement, Diagnostics, Innovation, Prescribing and Research. Chief Veterinary Officer for the UK, Christine Middlemiss, was honorary guest for the evening on hand to present the awards alongside Dr Diane Ashiru-Oredope (Lead for the Antibiotic Guardian campaign and Lead Pharmacist for the AMR Programme at Public Health England)

Winners on the night included Mid Essex Hospitals Services NHS Trust for their behaviour change approach to antimicrobial stewardship, NHS Wales Informatics who scooped the Innovation & Technology award for their IT platform in community pharmacies in Wales to support an NHS funded sore throat test and treat service. University of Birmingham collected the award for best research project for their BactiVac, a network to support the study, development and implementation of bacterial vaccines to address the global AMR challenge.

Alongside these other notable winners were Kite Consulting who picked up the Animal Health, Agriculture & Food Supply Award for their Antibiotic Monitoring and Reduction Programme – a cross industry project to drive down antibiotic usage in dairy cattle in the UK. International winners on the night included Sociedad Española de Microbiologia who were recognised for their public engagement work on a citizen science project examining Antibiotic discovery and raising awareness. There were three winning teams from Scotland, and the healthcare student of the year award was won by Issaya Mbwilo from Tanzania

Dr Diane Ashiru-Oredope, Lead for the Antibiotic Guardian campaign, said:

“The Antibiotic Guardian awards are an excellent opportunity for us to champion organisations and individuals who have demonstrated achievement in their work to tackle antimicrobial resistance, one of the biggest global public health threats we face. These awards have highlighted the wealth of fantastic work taking place across the country. I’d like to personally congratulate all the nominees and winners for their contributions. At Public Health England we will continue to support and work with partners across the health system to tackle antimicrobial resistance.”

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A full list of winners and highly commended can be found below:

**Animal health, Agriculture and Food Supply- Sponsored by AB Agri**
Winner- Kite Consulting
Highly Commended- ForFarmers
Commended- Pruex

**Children & Family**
Winner- NHS Orkney
Highly Commended- Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
Commended- South Gloucestershire Council

**Community Communications**
Winner- NHS Grampian

**Diagnostics- Sponsored by Abbott**
Winner- Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Highly Commended- Schwabe Pharma

**Infection prevention and control- Sponsored by MPH Packaging**
Winner- Health Protection Scotland

**Innovation- Sponsored by ABPI**
Winner- NHS Wales Informatics Service
Highly Commended- Public Health Agency
Highly Commended- University Hospital Southampton NHS FT

**Prescribing & stewardship**
Winner- Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust
Highly Commended- Wirral University Teaching Hospitals
Commended- East and North Herts CCG

**Public engagement**
Winner- Sociedad Española de Microbiologia
Highly Commended- Gloucestershire County Council
Commended- University of Reading, Department of Typography & Graphic Communication
Commended- University of Oxford

**Research- sponsored by The AMR Centre**
Winner- University of Birmingham
Winner- University of Bristol
Highly Commended- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
**Student of the Year**

Winner- Issaya Mbwilo - Tanzania Pharmaceutical Students' Association (TAPSA)
Highly Commended- Julie Arnott - University College Cork

**Das Pillay Memorial Antimicrobial Stewardship Award**

Winner- David Oliver Hamilton, Doctor, Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Highly Commended- Nicola Walker, Pharmacy Technician, Mid-Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust

1. You can find out more about the Antibiotic Guardian campaign at: [www.antibioticguardian.com](http://www.antibioticguardian.com) and via Twitter using #AntibioticGuardian
2. Photos available upon request by contacting alannis@4allofus.org.uk