



The Royal Society of Medicine

General Practice with Primary Health Care Section



## **The 2019 Royal Society of Medicine GP with Primary Healthcare Section Annual David Burt Award for Advances in Vision Care**

The Award Shield is provided annually by David Burt OBE past Chairman of the General Optical Council, to be kept for one year by the awardee along with a certificate.

### **1. Introduction**

Vision UK present this annual award to either a nominated or self-nominated individual or team working within the vision, eye health and sight loss community who can demonstrate a project, in research or improved methodology and practice in assisting in the cause of reducing sight loss in the community, that has made a significant improvement in the sector.

### **2. The award**

Submissions may be nominated by others or self-nominated and will be assessed by representatives from the GP Section with oversight from David Burt OBE.

Candidates will be limited to the UK and Ireland. The award will consist of a prize of £300. The assessment panel will only present an award in any year when the quality is deemed to reach the expected standard.

### **3. Submission**

The submitting team, or individual, is asked to produce one document consisting of:

- a)** A factual and descriptive report on all or part of their work being presented for consideration.
- b)** Evidence demonstrating how the work presented fulfils the principles of providing benefit in vision to those threatened with sight loss, or in making more people aware of the importance of sight care or improvements in

care, or in working together with other professions across disciplines and professions to improve outcomes.

- The preparation and presentation of each submission should anticipate interest and take up by others in the professions to improve outcomes designed to improve patient care.

The above three areas form the basis for the assessment criteria to award the prize.

There is a limit of 4000 words.

The award will be presented by the RSM section and this year will be presented at the joint Annual Conference arranged by the RSM section and Vision UK on 9 October 2019.

It is hoped that this will be repeated annually with the two organisations.

Representatives from the successful team may be asked to give a presentation based on their submission at the RSM in a suitable event during 2020.

Submissions should be sent via e-mail to [info@visionuk.org.uk](mailto:info@visionuk.org.uk) with the email title '**David Burt award submission**'.

Please include all the requested contact details on the nomination form (don't forget your Twitter handle if you tweet) along with a photograph.

**The closing date for nominations is Friday 20 September.**

The winner will be notified in early October and invited to the evening awards ceremony at the Vision UK and RSM Conference Forward view: Vision and eye health 9 October 2019.

Forward view: Vision and eye health is the multidisciplinary conference which will bring together health care professionals and vision experts to discuss, engage and create positive strategies for the vision sector. The conference will encompass interactive workshops with tangible takeaways, present new research and updates for all involved in eye health and associated care.

This is a joint conference between the RSM GP with Primary Health Care Section, Vision UK and in association with the RSM Ophthalmology Section

and Digital Health Section. For more information and to book please go to <https://rsm.ac/VisionUK>