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The list below is a guide to the major milestones in the NHS Parliamentary Awards process and what to expect in terms of publicity.

### **Wednesday 4 March 2020: Public launch**

The NHS Parliamentary Awards programme launched with an event in Parliament for all English MPs. MPs received resources to support them in making a call for nominations through their local media and other channels.

National and regional media releases have been issued by NHS England and NHS Improvement. MPs have been sent template media releases and other materials for their use locally.

### **Thursday 2 July 2020: Relaunch of the nomination period**

MPs will be sent resources to support them in making a call for nominations through their local media and other channels.

National and regional media releases will be issued by NHS England and NHS Improvement. MPs will be sent template media releases and other materials for their use locally.

### **Monday 17 August 2020: Send your nomination to your MP**

This is not a formal deadline however, we would suggest submitting your organisational or individual nominations to MPs at least two weeks before the nomination window closes to give them time to review and choose which applications to submit.

### **Tuesday 1 September 2020: Nominations close**

The competition closes to nominations at midnight. The sifting process begins at local level with regional teams then deciding a regional champion in each category - more information on the process

is set out below.

## **Monday 23 November 2020: National shortlist and Regional Champions announced**

This is the public announcement of shortlisted nominees. Each category will have seven shortlisted nominees comprising the regional champions from each of the NHS regions: East of England, London, Midlands, North East & Yorkshire, North West, South East and South West.

National, regional and local media releases will be issued. Shortlisted nominees and their nominating MP(s) will be contacted in advance and provided with template comms materials. They will also receive their invitations to the awards ceremony.

## **Wednesday 7 July 2021: NHS Parliamentary Awards Ceremony**

The competition culminates in an awards ceremony in Parliament, to which all nationally shortlisted nominees and their MPs will be invited.

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