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**2017 Medilink UK National Healthcare Business Award Winners  
FIVE COMPANIES WIN MOST SOUGHT-AFTER LIFE SCIENCE AWARDS**

Five Life Sciences companies have been crowned as national winners at the prestigious Medilink UK Healthcare Business awards 2017.

The awards & gala dinner, which took place on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017, celebrated outstanding business achievements, international success and innovative breakthroughs across the Life Sciences and Healthcare Technology sectors. The evening was held in partnership with the Med-Tech Innovation Expo; The UK's leading Medical Technology Exhibition and Conference at The Ricoh Arena, Coventry.

The whole team at SEHTA are pleased to announce that two of our regional healthcare winners were awarded at this year's Medilink UK National Healthcare Business Awards. They were [Oxford Heartbeat](#) for Start-Up Award and [Lightpoint Medical](#) for the Innovation Award.

**Dr David Parry, CEO, SEHTA said;** *“Once again the Medilink UK National Awards have demonstrated the excellence of small health technology companies in the South East. This year was the most competitive in our history and It's a primary aim of SEHTA to help such companies' access public and private sector markets with their innovative products and services”.*

**Katerina Spranger, Founder, Oxford Heartbeat said,** *“We are delighted about the award and would like to say a huge thank you to Medilink and SEHTA for putting us through”.*

**David Tuch, CEO, Lightpoint Medical said,** *“Lightpoint Medical is honoured to be recognised by Medilink UK for our achievements in medical device innovation. The Medilink UK Award acknowledges Lightpoint's commitment to translate scientific innovation into patient benefit.”*

The award winners and runners-up were as follows:

**Start-up award sponsored by CMS Law:**

**Winner: Oxford Heartbeat,** from London, whose technology makes cardiovascular surgeries more accurate and safe by helping clinicians to accurately plan and rehearse stent placements inside blood vessels.



**Runners-up: Creavo Medical Technologies** from Coventry, which develops innovative diagnostics technology for acute medical settings, and **JimJam Healthcare Ltd** from Gateshead, a platform that provides online access to physiotherapists via video.

**Export Achievement sponsored by Med-Tech Innovation:**

**Winner: Sheffield Precision Medical Ltd** from Sheffield, which provides orthopaedic instrumentation solutions.

**Runners-up: Datalink Electronics Ltd** from Loughborough which is a leading accredited contract electronic product design and manufacturing company, and **Vernacare** from Bolton whose single-use 'Vernacare System' of hygienic patient toileting is used across healthcare facilities globally.

**Collaboration with the NHS sponsored by Medical Engineers:**

**Winner: Sky Medical Technology Ltd** from Cheshire, which manufactures the geko™ device, clinically proven to increase blood circulation for DVT prevention, the reduction of oedema and the promotion of wound healing.

**Runners-up: Rocialle** from South Wales which is a leading supplier of procedure packs and surgical instruments for hospitals and distributors, and **ldox**(formerly 6PM Group) from Burton on Trent which develops leading edge solutions to improve patient experience and keep the health service sustainable.

**Innovation Award sponsored by HGF Ltd:**

**Winner: Lightpoint Medical Ltd**, from Chesham, which is a medical device company dedicated to improving health outcomes for cancer patients through image-guided surgery.

**Runners-up: Neem Biotech** from Abertillery which creates healthcare solutions from natural products, and **Chemviron Cloth Division** from Sunderland which is a world-leading manufacturer of 100% activated carbon cloth for use in a number of medical applications.

**Outstanding Achievement sponsored by Morningside Pharmaceuticals Ltd:**

**Winner: Tissuemed Ltd** from Leeds, whose unique surgical sealant, TissuePatch, is used to enhance surgical tissue closure, helping avoid complications and improve patient outcomes.

**Runners-up: Crawford Healthcare** from Cheshire which is the UK's fastest-growing advanced wound care business, and **QuantuMDx** from Newcastle which is dedicated to improving global healthcare through the development of transformative diagnostic tools and technologies.



**Bill Cruise, chair of Medilink UK**, commented; *"I would like to personally congratulate all of the award winners, runners up and finalists, for their exceptional achievements over the past year. The Medilink UK Awards & Gala dinner is an unmissable event for the Healthcare Technology sector and I'm delighted that the evening was once again a great success"*

The 35 nominated organisations were all winners of the regional Medilink awards held throughout the past year across the UK, and the national winners were selected by an independent panel of judges.

The evening commenced with networking and a drinks reception, sponsored by Eventum Partners Ltd.

Justin Moorhouse, stand-up comedian and actor, presented the awards and provided fantastic entertainment throughout the evening.

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#### **Notes for editors**

#### **About Medilink UK**

For more information about Medilink UK, please visit [www.medilinkuk.com](http://www.medilinkuk.com)

For more information about the Med Tech Innovation Expo or the National awards, please visit [www.med-techexpo.com](http://www.med-techexpo.com)

#### **South East Health Technologies Alliance**

Founded in 2005, the **South East Health Technologies Alliance (SEHTA)** is now one of the biggest health technology networking organisations in the country. Since its inception, it has grown to **1300 members from 20 different countries**. SEHTA provides significant support to companies, universities and public and private health providers through publicly-funded resources and programmes and private consultancy services. SEHTA has built excellent relationships with Academia, Business and Care/Clinicians and it sees itself in a unique position as the interface between them. The company has particular expertise in digital health.

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