UK CCG SCOOPS TOP INTERNATIONAL AWARD

NHS East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group, from the UK, has been presented with this year's Starfield Award at an awards ceremony in Texas, for its ground-breaking population-health work.

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A Clinical Commissioning Group in Berkshire in the UK has won an international award for helping to identify people at risk of hospital admission and providing them with a care and support plan.

Sloough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), now merged with Bravermill and Acor, Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead CCGs to form one single organisation. East Berkshire CCG, received the 2018 Starfield Award at the Johns Hopkins ACG System 2018 International Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

The award is in recognition of their innovative Population Profiling to Support a New Model of Clinical Delivery project, which used the Johns Hopkins ACG System to identify people at risk of hospital admission and then provided them with a care and support plan.

The Starfield Award was established in honour of Barbara Starfield, M.D., a Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Professor and co-developer of the Johns Hopkins ACG System, which analyses healthcare data, the result of which improve accuracy and fairness in evaluating provider performance, identifies patients at high risk, forecasts healthcare utilisation and sets equitable payment rates.

The award honours her legacy by recognizing the best use of the ACG System in three key areas of her work: addressing multi-morbidity in individual patients and populations, reducing disparities in the delivery of primary healthcare and improving population health.

"We are honoured to receive this award named after one of the true pioneers in population health analytics and we are delighted to see the work of the CCG being recognized internationally," said Dr. Jim O’Connell, NHS clinical lead for the Slough local.