



## **Worshipful Society of Apothecaries**

### **Prize for Excellence in Military Medical Support to Crisis - Winners**

The prize is awarded specifically for an action or contribution to a crisis subject to a specific MoD operational name or for planning, implementation or delivery of a specific activity within the crisis.

The award was instituted in 2019 when it was originally known as The Surgeon General's Apothecaries' Prize.

The Medal has been awarded to the following:

**2019 - Col Michael INGRAM**

**2020 - Surg Cmdr Steven BLAND**

*for his personal response to the Nerve Agent attack in Salisbury in 2018.*

**2021 - Maj Mark VEDERE**

*for exceptional achievement whilst stepping up to the Regional Nurse Advisor position at Defence Primary Healthcare, London & South Region (DPHCLS) coinciding with the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.*

**2022 - Lt Cmdr James SMITHSON**

*for his pivotal role in developing and deploying the Regional Vaccination Quick Reaction Force in the North-West during the COVID 19 Pandemic.*

**2023 - Gp Cpt Jo BLAND**

*for her exceptional role in coordinating Defence Medical Services' operational response to 3 crises that occurred during 2021-2; Operation PITTING evacuating UK Nationals from Afghanistan, the UK winter Omicron Covid surge and the delivery of UK medical stocks and supplies to Ukraine in response to the Russian invasion.*

**2024 - The 13 person TACTICAL AEROMED AND CRITICAL CARE AIR SUPPORT TEAM**

*A selection of individual augmentees from across the RAF Medical Services who deployed with between 8 and 48 hours' notice despite many not being held at readiness to support tactical taskings. Whilst the Operational picture was still developing, they rapidly deployed to provide tactical Aeromed Evacuation across Turkey including the capability to support Critical Care patients.*