



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

2025 - Group Captain Mark DERMOND

for his consummate professionalism as a Defence Consultant Advisor in public health managing the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the relocation program for Afghan families fleeing the Taliban government in Afghanistan and the support to Ukrainian recruits who arrive in the UK with considerable health issues.