

Great British Care Awards

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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE CARE SECTOR

Winners will be invited to attend one of the Great British Care Awards National Finals at the Guildhall, London

The National Home Care Awards
15th May 2010

The National Care Home Awards
5th June 2010

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The Great British Care Awards are a celebration of excellence across the care sector. The purpose of the awards is to promote best practice within the sector and pay tribute to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding excellence within their field of work.

There are a total of seventeen awards categories available for nomination, which represent all areas of the care sector, whether it be older people or specialist services, residential or home care. From frontline staff such as care workers and care managers to people who have made an impact in other ways such as training, IT and innovation.

The winners from these regional awards will then be invited to attend the National Events for either Home Care or Care Homes sectors, May 15th and June 5th 2010, at the Guildhall in London.

Please send your nominations in and join us in putting social care on the map.

The Great British Care Awards are proud to support the Maggie's Centres as the nominated charity. The Maggie's Centre has sites situated throughout the UK offering support for people who are impacted in some way by cancer.

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Keith Chegwin, Host of the Great British Home Care Awards, 15th May, Guildhall, London



Fiona Philips, Host of the Great British Care Home Awards, 5th June, Guildhall, London



Guildhall, London

The Great British Care Awards for the South East, South West, East of England and London

These four regional awards are part of 'The Great British Care Awards' a series of regional awards throughout the UK, celebrating excellence across the care sector. We are delighted to invite entries from the South East, South West, East of England and London.

Benefits to individuals
By nominating a colleague you will be supporting their dedication and commitment whilst also helping to raise the profile of the care sector as a whole.

Benefits to organisations
By nominating your employees you will be demonstrating pride in their hard work and excellence. The awards also present an excellent publicity opportunity. Should a nominee be successful, you and your guests will have the chance to attend a superb gala dinner at the Great British Care Awards national finals in London in May/June 2010 - what better way to raise the profile of your organisation and motivate your staff!

Who should apply?
The awards will be representative of all those working within social care whether it be with older people or specialist services. From frontline staff such as care workers and managers to people who have made an impact in other ways such as training and innovation.

Judging
Judging will be carried out by an independent panel from the Great British Care Awards. All nominations will be judged on their applications alone. There will be no interviews. Candidates should therefore include supporting information to strengthen their application. Winners will be notified on 8 March 2010 and will be awarded with a superb trophy. From here all winners will be invited to attend an interview at the Marriott Hotel, County Hall, London. The judging day for the National Home Care Awards takes place on 14th April 2010 and the judging day for the National Care Home Awards takes place on 5th May 2010

The Gala Event
All the winners from the regional awards will be invited to attend a spectacular gala dinner at the Guildhall London, where the winners will be announced. The finals for home care winners will take place on **15th May 2010** and for care home winners on **5th June 2010**. The gala dinner will include a champagne reception, dinner with a celebrity presenter and entertainment.

To Book a table
For more information on booking a table, call 0115 959 6133 or email info@care-awards.co.uk

So don't miss out on your chance to pay tribute to those people who really do make a difference to the lives of others. Without people like these the elderly and vulnerable members of our society would not receive the care and support they so rightly deserve.

Awards Categories

Applications are welcome from those within the Skills for Care and CQC regions covering the South East, South West, East of England and London

The Care Employer Award (2 awards: more than and fewer than 250 employees)
This award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate employers' commitment to care and how this is achieving success in delivering a quality service. Employers should be able to demonstrate substantial strengths and have a sustained track record of delivering good quality care and managing improvement.

The Care Home Worker Award
This Award recognises the significant role of the Care Home Worker in consistently providing a high quality standard, for people living in residential care. Evidence of dedication, awareness of colleagues and career development through training will be important elements for the judges.

The Home Care Worker Award
This Award recognises the significant role of the Home Care Worker in consistently providing a high quality standard, for people living in their own homes. Evidence of dedication, awareness of colleagues and career development through training will be important elements for the judges. This category is also open to Personal Assistants.

The Care Newcomer Award
This award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate a new member of staff who has commenced and remained in employment in the care sector since January 2007. The individual can either be returning to the sector after at least two years away or be joining for the first time.

The Care Home Registered Manager Award
This Award will be given to the Registered Care Home Manager who has demonstrated a high level of expertise together with exceptional skills in managing the complex

business of managing a care home. A Manager who shows vision in developing person centred care and supporting staff to meet the ever changing needs of the residents.

The Home Care Registered Manager Award
This Award will be given to the Registered Home Care Manager who has demonstrated a high level of expertise together with exceptional skills in managing the complex business of providing support and care to people in their own homes. A Manager who shows vision in developing viable quality services and supporting staff to meet the ever changing needs of service users.

The Home Care Worker of a Specialist Service Award
This Award will be given to a Home Care Worker who is working within a Specialist Team of Home Care Workers. The Judges will be looking for a person who through training and natural ability is able to support and give focussed care to people living at home in the community who need a specific awareness of their need. Their adaptability, alertness and responsiveness to the people they support will be important elements in the judging process.

The Care Home Nutrition Award
This award recognises the 'whole home approach' to food and nutrition issues within the care home, providing recognition to the catering and care staff and nutrition-related activities in the home e.g. staff training/awareness sessions, linking to residents activities, water provision, and the use of local produce.

The Dignity in Care Award
This award will be presented to the organisation who can demonstrate

the significance of maximising service user independence and choice, whilst respecting and maintaining privacy and dignity at all times.

The Dementia Carer Award
This award will be given to a team or individual who can reflect the specific skills needed to manage and deliver services sensitive to the needs of older people with dementia, and which reflects an awareness of the provider organisation that investment in this type of service provision will meet increasing demand in the future.

The Care Team Award
This award will be presented to the team who are able to best demonstrate a shared vision and agreed goals. The team should have a leader who's role is known and accepted and who takes personal responsibility for their tasks. Teams should have an excellent communication process and each members' skills should be recognised within the team. Demonstrating a commitment to dignity and privacy for clients and also respect for team members is paramount.

The Ancillary Worker Award
This award will recognise an excellent, person centred service to clients, demonstrating dignity and respect through ancillary services, (for example, cooks, handy persons, cleaners and activity co-ordinators). Candidates should be able to provide examples of initiatives and excellence in their work and pride themselves on outstanding service user feedback.

The Care Home Activity Organiser
This award will be given to The Care Home Activity Organiser who has demonstrated they can provide a need lead, varied and appropriate programme for care home residents. Organisers who show exceptional

skills, creativity and responsibilities in arranging activities either alone or in conjunction with a senior.

The Care Trainer Award
This award will acknowledge the importance of the role of the Trainer within the care service and looks for a person who has shown incredible enthusiasm and determination in identifying training and development needs of care staff, establishing rolling training programmes, searching for and gaining funding and proving their ability to enthuse and energise staff to attend and request training.

The Care Innovator Award
This award will recognise the person who has shown exceptional entrepreneurial skills in identifying, developing, implementing and establishing a new service; or a new administrative system; or the launch of a new product. This new innovation must demonstrate benefits for staff, the business and users of the service.

The IT Innovator Award
This award will be given to the home care provider (Local Authority in-house or external provider) who can best demonstrate the innovative use of information technology to deliver and maintain consistently high levels of service for end users. The judges will be looking for quantifiable evidence of how the technology has been used to quality assure delivery and the benefits of its introduction for care staff, the service and business users.

The Outstanding Contribution to Care Award
This special award will be presented to the individual whom the judges believe has made a long-term outstanding contribution to social care. Nominations are welcomed from across the care sector.

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Entry Form

Region (please tick which region you are applying from)

- South East South West
 East of England London

How to enter

1. Choose the category or categories for which you want to nominate your colleague or yourself. If you are entering more than one category, separate entry forms must be completed.
2. Read the attached judging criteria carefully.
3. Write an account of no more than 300 words saying why your colleague (or you) should be considered. An additional account from a colleague, or service user/family carer is helpful but not essential.
4. Please make sure that the name of the nominee/entrant and the award category is included on all separate pieces of supporting information.
5. Complete this entry form and attach it to all other separate pieces of supporting information.
6. Closing date for entries is **1st March 2010**.
Post the entry to: The Great British Care Awards, 21 Regent Street, Nottingham NG1 5BS or fax to 0115 959 6148.

Awards Categories (please tick one)

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 The Outstanding Contribution to Social Care Award

Please ensure you have enclosed each of the following:

- ✓ This entry form must be signed and dated by you.
- ✓ A statement of up to 300 words saying why you think the nominee should win the Award. This should be typewritten and signed by the nominator.
- ✓ Please only submit 300 words - no other attachments other than testimonials on 1 side of A4 paper ONLY.
- ✓ An additional typed testimonial from a colleague/ service user/family carer (max 1 sheet) is desirable but not essential.
- ✓ Please make sure that the name of the nominee/entrant and the award category is included on any separate sheet of supporting information (1 sheet) and attached to this entry form.



Any Questions?
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Nominee Details

Name of nominee: _____

Job title: _____

Organisation: _____

Organisation address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____

Fax No: _____

Organisation email: _____

Name of person making nomination: _____

Signature of nominator: _____

Date: _____

Rules for Entry

- The awards are open to all staff working in the social care sector.
- All entries are treated confidentially.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of reputable, independent and impartial adjudicators.
- Entries will not be returned.
- One copy of the submission is required.
- Use one entry form per entry. Photocopies are acceptable.
- Judging will take place on the **2nd March 2010** and winners informed by **8th March 2010**.
- Winners of the regional awards will be invited to attend the national finals at the Guildhall, London. The Great British National Home Care final takes place on 15th May 2010 and the Great British National Care Home final takes place on 5th June 2010.
- There will be up to nine finalists for the national finals in each category representing the West Midlands, East Midlands, North West, North East, Yorkshire and Humberside, London, East of England, South West and South East.

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