

# Sheffield Cares Excellence Awards 2025

Thursday 13th February 2025  
Sheffield City Hall Ballroom



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The Sheffield Cares Excellence Awards, hosted by Sheffield City Council's Adult Care and Wellbeing team, will celebrate and empower the city's most skilled and dedicated carers. We are shining a light on everyone who contributes to the provision of care and support in Sheffield. This includes our 17,500 strong care sector workforce, our 11,000 unpaid carers, or our 7000 young carers.

The awards will be held at Sheffield City Hall Ballroom on Thursday 13th February 2025.

Nominations open in mid October and close at midnight on the 12th November 2024.

All nominations will be considered by our independent panel of decision-makers. The panel will be made up of individuals who receive care and support and people who have a wider interest in the social care sector in the UK.

Award winners will be notified by the 18th of December, 2024.



# What are the award categories?

The eleven Care Excellence Awards are focused around four themes:

## **Compassion in Care**

Someone providing or working in care who shows warmth and kindness in every interaction. Listening and responding to the person they are with openly, honestly and without judgement. Empathising with their situation, supporting them both practically and emotionally.

## **Inspirational Support or Leadership**

Someone working in care who goes above and beyond to support their colleagues. Taking time to listen and understand their concerns, helping them to grow and develop, and encouraging them to be the best they can be.

## **Respect, Equality & Inclusion**

Someone who makes it their business to remove barriers, to respect people's individual preferences, and to ensure equality of experience and opportunity. They actively prioritise the voices of people who may be excluded or marginalised to make sure they are heard and empowered to be themselves.

This award is for someone whose values and behaviour contribute positively to the creation of a more equitable and inclusive care sector for the people of Sheffield.

## **Commitment to Care**

Someone who is highly skilled and competent in their work. They are a champion of the care profession. They are proud to care and their enthusiasm for the value of their work is both inspirational and infectious.

**You can also nominate someone for one of these six specialist awards:**

### **Young Carer Awards**

Primary Age, Secondary Age and Young Adult Carers (16-25)

In Sheffield, we have more than 7,000 young carers providing substantial unpaid care for a relative who has disabilities, long-term physical illnesses, mental health difficulties and /or drug or alcohol issues. We believe passionately that it is the right of every young carer to be recognised for their role and to have the same opportunities as other children and young people of a similar age.

To help recognise and celebrate the young carers in our city, please nominate a young carer who has shown exceptional strength, resilience, and dedication. This might relate to their caring role and/or for their contribution to the wider community.

### **Newcomer / Apprentice of the Year**

Someone who started working in care in the past twelve months and is already delivering the very best standard of care and having a positive impact. They are enthusiastic and professional, with a clear commitment to their on-going career development.

### **Personalised Support Award**

Someone who enables and empowers people to live the life they want to live, and endeavours to ensure people stay in control of their choices. Someone who puts co-production at the heart of their work and goes above and beyond to make sure support is personalised for each and every individual.



### **Dignity Award**

Someone whose values and behaviour put dignity at the heart of everything they do. The ten 'Dignity Dos' from the National Dignity in Care Campaign shine throughout their work. They...

1. Have a zero tolerance of all forms of abuse
2. Support people with the same respect you would want for yourself or a member of your family
3. Treat each person as an individual by offering a personalised service
4. Enable people to maintain the maximum possible level of independence, choice and control
5. Listen and support people to express their needs and wants
6. Respect people's right to privacy
7. Ensure people feel able to complain without fear of retribution
8. Engage with family members and carers as care partners
9. Assist people to maintain confidence and positive self-esteem
10. Act to alleviate people's loneliness and isolation

### **Team of the Year**

A team of staff who have developed and maintained an outstanding standard of work. They are supportive of one another, and work together to create an inclusive, compassionate, and exceptional relationships.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Someone exceptional who has committed their working life to caring for others and has made a substantial positive difference to the people they have worked with. Someone who is highly regarded and whose dedication to working in the care sector provides regular inspiration to those who have the privilege to work alongside them.

## Who can make a nomination?

- Anyone can make a nomination.
- There are no limits to how many people you can nominate but you need to complete a separate form for each nomination.
- If you are under 18 years old, you must get permission from a parent or legal guardian, and use their contact details on the nomination form.

## Who can be nominated?

- The person must have an active role in providing safe, high-quality care and support, or making a positive contribution to the social care sector in Sheffield.
- If you are nominating someone for a Young Carer Award, you must seek permission from their parent or legal guardian and use the contact details of the parent/guardian on the form. Please ensure that an appropriate person from their family or service can accompany them to the award ceremony.

## How to make a nomination?

Complete the nomination form by following the URL link or scanning the **QR Code**:

### URL:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2gEEphZHBT>



**Nominations must be submitted by no later than midnight on Tuesday 12th November 2024.** Nominations submitted after this time will not be included for shortlisting.

**We would prefer you to use our online nomination form**, but if this doesn't work for you, we are happy to accept nominations via post. Print out a copy of the nomination form at the end of this booklet and send the completed version to:

Sheffield Care Excellence Awards 2025  
Adult Care & Wellbeing, Workforce Development  
Floor 1 South, Howden House,  
2 Union Street,  
Sheffield, S1 2SH

If you have any issues completing the nomination form, please contact us at [Sheffieldcares@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Sheffieldcares@sheffield.gov.uk) and mark the email for attention of the Sheffield Cares Excellence Awards.



## Postal Nomination Form

1. Please tell us which one of these options is the best-fit for the person you want to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Unpaid Carer
2. Personal Assistant or Individual Employer
3. Providing Home Care in the Community
4. Providing Care in a Residential or Nursing Home
5. Providing Care in Supported Living or Day Services
6. Occupational Therapy in Care
7. Social Care Nursing
8. Social Work
9. Shared Lives Carer
10. Voluntary Sector Support in Care
11. Care Sector Support Roles

2. **Choose the award** that you think is most appropriate for the person you would like to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Care Excellence Awards:**

- Compassion in Care
- Inspirational Support or Leadership
- Respect, Equality & Inclusion in Care
- Commitment to Care

### **Specialist Awards:**

- Young Carer Award
- Newcomer / Apprentice of the Year
- Personalised Support Award
- Dignity Award
- Team of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award











#### 4. Contact Details

Please confirm you have permission from the person you are nominating to share their contact details:

Yes / No

**Nominees Details:** First name and last name of the person you are nominating:

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number and/or email address of the person you are nominating:

\_\_\_\_\_

Workplace of the person you are nominating (if appropriate):

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Please tell us how you know the person you are nominating:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Your Details:**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number and/or email address:

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<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/utilities/footer-links/privacy-notice>

Please complete a new form if you would like to make another nomination.

**Thank you for taking the time nominate someone for the Sheffield Cares,  
Excellence Awards 2025.**

## **I want to sponsor the awards...**

If you are interested in sponsoring the awards please email [Sheffieldcares@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Sheffieldcares@sheffield.gov.uk) to express your interest and we can give you more information about the different options available.

Please mark your email for the attention of Sheffield Care Excellence Awards Sponsorship.

## **I have a general question about the event and want to show my support in another way...**

If you have any general questions about the event, its organisation or want to show your support in another way, please contact [Sheffieldcares@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Sheffieldcares@sheffield.gov.uk) and mark your email for the attention of Sheffield Care Excellence Awards Enquiries.

**Thank you for taking the time to celebrate  
and say thank you to Sheffield's amazing  
social care heroes.**



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