

Dorset Echo Care Awards 2019

Category Criteria

Best Volunteer / Unpaid Carer

This award recognises the role of the voluntary/unpaid carer.

The judges will be looking for:

- An exceptional contribution as a volunteer.
- Dedication to their local community or society where they have made contributed to the wellbeing of another.
- Demonstration of a significant positive impact.
- Commitment in caring.

Best Home Carer

This award recognises the role of the Home Care Worker in consistently providing a high standard of care for people living in their own homes.

The judges will be looking for someone who:

- Supports the client to make their own decisions.
- Gives an excellent and dignified service to clients.
- Understands and demonstrates how to treat each person as an individual.
- Adaptability, helping people to be more independent wherever possible.

Best Care Home

This category is open to any care home; whether part of a group or privately owned. While the standard of care on offer will be considered, in this category we will be particularly looking at what makes you stand out from the other homes in Dorset.

The judges will be looking for:

- Demonstration of a genuine passion and commitment towards care.
- A care home that is strong on nutrition, innovation and dignity within care.
- A willingness to change to meet new social care priorities.
- A commitment to learning and developing activities for both staff and clients.

Best Nurse

This award acknowledges the important role of nurses working in the Care Sector.

The judges are looking for someone who:

- Promotes the emotional, physical, psychological and social wellbeing of the people who they support.
- Provides an excellent and dignified service to patients.
- Shows dedication and commitment to their profession.

Best Social Care Worker

This award will be presented to the individual whom the judges believe has made an outstanding contribution to social care. Nominations are welcomed from across the care sector.

The judges are looking for someone who:

- Demonstrates a willingness to change to meet the new social care priorities.
- Demonstrates good practice in person-centred care and support.
- Respects individual choice and promotes inclusion, rights and independence.
- Acts with positivity, enabling individuals to meet their needs by delivering quality services.

Unsung Hero Award

This category is open to all providers who would like to nominate their unsung hero, who works tirelessly, consistently demonstrating great dedication. They may not be as publicly recognised as others but greatly contribute to the smooth running of the service. This could be domestic staff, kitchen assistants, chefs, maintenance, administration or office staff, volunteers, families, carers, nurses or anyone that has an impact on the care industry.

- A person who makes a substantial yet unrecognised contribution.
- Regularly goes the extra mile in providing high quality support.

Best Care Organisation

This award is for an outstanding organisation which has shown enthusiasm and determination in identifying and meeting the needs of service users, carers, staff and the wider community.

The judges are looking for:

- A track record of delivering good quality care.
- Development of a capable, confident and skilled workforce.
- Innovative practices.
- Community engagement

Best Under 18 Carer

This award is for a carer under the age of 18 who has helped make a difference in someone's life.

The judges are looking for:

- A young person who goes out of their way to help and support others.
- Commitment to someone's health and wellbeing, improving their quality of life.
- How the carer has helped a person or people they care for.

Best Family Member Carer

This award will go to a family member, friend or neighbour who has provided a quality care service.

The judges are looking for:

- Someone who goes out of their way to help and support others.
- Commitment to someone's health and wellbeing, improving their quality of life.
- Examples of how the carer has helped a person.

Special Recognition Award

This category is for the individual, team, group or organisation who deserves special recognition for everything they do to support people in care.

The judges are looking for:

- Evidence of how their sustained input has positively benefited individuals, services and/or the care sector generally.
- Promotion of a positive culture within the care industry..
- Evidence of how they embody the qualities we aspire to in the delivery of care.
- An individual who has made a long-term contribution to care.