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Essex Care Manager Reaches Final of Awards

The Manager of an Essex care service which supports men with learning disabilities has been named a finalist in the East of England region of the Great British Care Awards.

Ollie White, manager of The Orchards, in Thorrington, Essex, has been shortlisted as a finalist in the Care Home Registered Manager category. To be a finalist in this category, a manager has to demonstrate a high level of expertise together with exceptional skills in managing a care home. They also need to be a manager who shows vision in developing person centred care and supporting staff to meet the ever changing needs of residents.

The Orchards supports men with a learning disability and those who have complex needs and behaviours. It is run by Cygnet Health Care, which supports individuals with mental health needs, learning disabilities or autism.

Beatrice Nyamande, Operations Director, said several members of Cygnet Health Care staff had nominated Ollie as they are so impressed with the difference he makes to service users each day. She added: "Ollie's commitment, motivation, zest and drive for better and outstanding outcomes for both his staff and residents is so admirable and whatever the outcome, Ollie deserves a big applause."

On finding out he had made the final, Ollie said: "I was shocked to find out I had been shortlisted. This nomination isn't just for me, it's for also for the residents and staff. We are a team and there is no I in team, it's a joint effort and I want to thank them all for taking the time to nominate me.

"I have had great guidance and support. Beatrice has been with me every step of the way teaching me and sharing her knowledge with me. This has helped a lot in my progression in being the best I can. Thank you to everyone."

The Great British Care Awards are a series of regional events throughout the UK and are a celebration of excellence across the care sector. The purpose of the awards are to pay tribute to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding excellence within their field of work.

The final takes place at an awards ceremony on Friday 4 November.

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About Cygnet Health Care

Cygnet Health Care has been providing a national network of high-quality, specialised mental health services for the NHS and local authorities for the past 30 years.

Cygnet Health Care's pioneering services support people with complex and acute mental health needs across the UK.

As one of the best quality providers in mental health services in the country, Cygnet Health Care's focus is always on the best outcomes for those who use or commission its services. 85% of Cygnet's facilities are rated as good or outstanding, which is above the national average.

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