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Stoke Support Worker Scoops Award for Bright Future

A support worker from Stoke who helps men with mental health problems has won a healthcare award for his promising future in the industry.

This year, Cygnet Health Care launched the first ever Cygnet Staff Achievement Awards, open to all staff across Healthcare, Social Care and Support Services, to celebrate its caring, dedicated and hard-working colleagues. Cygnet Health Care supports individuals with mental health needs, learning disabilities and autism and employs nearly 11,000 staff across the UK.

Held at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, the inaugural awards recognised the individuals and teams who made outstanding contributions towards ensuring service users receive the highest standard of care.

Dominic Scofield is a support worker at Cygnet St Augustine's, on Cobridge Road, Stoke-on-Trent, a specialist high dependency inpatient rehabilitation service for men. He won the Bright Future award, which was for an individual who joined Cygnet within the last year, who has hit the ground running, had a positive impact within the team and made a meaningful contribution to their service.

He was presented with his award by BBC presenter JJ Chalmers who was guest of honour at the event.

Nick Ruffley, Managing Director for Healthcare North region at Cygnet Health Care, said: *"Dominic joined Cygnet in February as a newcomer to healthcare but he has quickly become an excellent carer. A member of the public recently spotted Dominic's Cygnet uniform and contacted St Augustine's to pass on their compliments about how calm he was with a service user who had become agitated on a shopping trip. They said Dominic's calm approach was appreciated by people nearby who felt reassured by how he reacted."*

Dominic has shown ambition to progress within Cygnet, proactively taking steps to achieve his dream of becoming a registered Nurse."

Upon receiving the award, Dominic said: *"It feels overwhelming to win, I was absolutely buzzing. Working alongside the patients is the best thing about my job, being able to help people going through the most difficult time of their lives is incredibly rewarding."*

Colleagues were able to nominate one another and there was almost 1,000 nominations across 12 categories, all judged by different, independent panels recognising the range of skills across the Cygnet Health Care workforce – including support workers, clinicians, chefs, IT, nursing and all the other vital roles.

Dr Tony Romero, CEO of Cygnet Health Care, said: *“The most important part of any organisation is its’ people. They are the engine, the magic ingredient behind all of what makes Cygnet Health Care the special organisation that it is. The hard work, commitment and dedication that they pour into their roles every day means we are able to change lives for the better. These awards recognise the achievements and difference that our motivated, compassionate and value-driven staff make for our services users and colleagues.*

“Through the nominations process we saw so many wonderful examples of how our staff go above and beyond and step up to work outside of their role, sacrificing their time and dedication for the benefit of the individuals in their care. Dominic is the embodiment of this and I congratulate him for all he has achieved. His passion helps to embed the positive culture at Cygnet Health Care and he constantly goes above and beyond, putting service users at the heart of all he does.”

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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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