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## **Cygnet Highlights Social Care Superpowers**

A SOCIAL care worker from Dunblane has taken part in a campaign by leading health and social care Cygnet to encourage social care workers to share their 'superpowers' and highlight the unique skills these workers possess in order to change lives for the better.

The social care superpower campaign is being run by the Cygnet Social Care division and aims to highlight the ordinary people with extraordinary skills who bring unique qualities to their social care services and make a valuable, positive difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in society.

Recognising the challenges faced by the social care industry in terms of recruitment, it is hoped the campaign may work to encourage more people to consider a career in social care to give residents and patients the care they deserve.

As part of the campaign, six members of Cygnet Social Care staff shared inspirational stories about their careers in social care, why they love the job they do and, what they consider their social care superpower to be.

Hailey McLaughlin is a Senior Support Worker at Ranaich House, Cygnet's residential service on Leewood Road, Dunblane which supports adults with learning disabilities and complex needs. She leads on the care and support we provide to residents and said she has never looked back after first working at Ranaich House in 2018 as an agency staff member.

She described her social care superpower as "compassion".

Talking about the best thing about her job, she said helping people meet their goals and build their confidence to live more independently gives her a great sense of job satisfaction. "You can't get a more rewarding job than a career in social care," she explained. "It is the best job you will ever have and you get to make a difference every day. Seeing residents' faces light up is an absolute joy."

On the attributes needed to thrive in social care, she said you needed to be "caring, patient, kind and have a strong appetite to keep learning".

"My social care superpower is compassion. Without compassion, you don't have anything. Feedback from my colleagues is that I'm caring, kind, non-judgemental and passionate. I feel really valued in my role."

## **WATCH HAILEY'S VIDEO:**

https://vimeo.com/839991259/6daa7be26e?share=copy

Cygnet's expert and highly dedicated social care team of 2945 employees empower 694 individuals across 67 residential, supported living and day services to consistently make a positive difference to their lives.

Cygnet Social Care is part of the Cygnet Group which also provides healthcare services for young people and adults in England, Scotland and Wales.

Gareth Williams is the CEO of Cygnet Social Care. He said: "I am so proud this campaign will highlight the incredible people like Hailey who work across our social care services and who strive every day to make a positive difference to those in need of support.

"The campaign is true to its words; those who work in social care are all super heroes armed with incredible super powers. Working in social care is both challenging and hugely rewarding. The work we do is pivotal, looking after the most vulnerable people in our society. Which is why it takes a special person, with special skills, traits and attributes to do it.

"This campaigns aims to highlight those unique qualities each of us bring to a career in social work. By shining a light on the emotional rewards of the role, we may even inspire more people to consider a job in social care."

Cygnet are asking social care workers to share your support for #SocialCareSuperPower by posting your superpower online, using the hashtag and tagging in @CygnetGroup.

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