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Birmingham Care Manager “Highly Commended” in National Awards

A Birmingham manager who supports individuals with learning disabilities, mental health needs and autism was 'Highly Commended' as Supported Living Manager of the Year at a prestigious awards event.

Leanne Squires is the registered manager of Staffordshire Supported Living which supports individuals living with learning disabilities, mental health needs and autism offering personal care within their own homes across the West Midlands. The service, part of the Cygnet Social Care division, supports individuals in their own homes in Bordesley Green, Birmingham and in Wombourne, near Wolverhampton.

She was named a national finalist in the Great British Care Awards after scooping the regional prize of Supported Living Manager Award in November last year. The awards pay tribute to individuals and teams who have demonstrated outstanding excellence within their field of work. The award recognised the manager who shows vision in developing person centred care and supporting staff to meet the ever changing needs of the residents.

Regional winners went through to the national finals, where Leanne was 'Highly Commended' by the panel of judges.

On the night of the awards, judges said: “Leanne exuded passion in her work with those she supports, demonstrating a deep understanding of managerial responsibilities while leveraging her nursing background to offer enhanced support.

“She exemplified effective team leadership, shining through her compassionate approach, making her a stellar role model for others in the field.”

Leanne said: “After winning the regional award, I was highly honoured to be shortlisted as a national finalist.

“I am extremely passionate about my role, and feel overwhelmed to be highly commended in a national award.

“Supporting individuals in their own home doesn't come without challenges, and it takes a hardworking, dedicated team to make this work. But to see people striving, and gaining independence daily, in a setting that is truly person centred, is so rewarding.”

James O'Neil, Deputy Operations Director for Cygnet Social Care, congratulated Leanne on her recognition and said: "Leanne thoroughly deserves the recognition she receives. Across all of our Cygnet Social Care services we strive to provide the highest quality and standard of care and always put our service users at the heart of what we do. This is demonstrated impeccably by Leanne.

"She produces outstanding results and possesses a real determination, compassion and leadership to inspire others and people and improves the lives of residents in our care."