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Coventry Support Worker Wins National Award

A Coventry support worker has scooped a national award for the work he does to bring "laughter and compassion" to a hospital which supports children and young people with their mental health.

Magnus Ezuma, is a support worker at Cygnet Joyce Parker Hospital, a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) hospital on Lansdowne Street, Coventry. He has been recognised for his outstanding care and compassion at Cygnet's annual nursing awards where he won Support Worker of the Year and was recognised alongside other nurses from across Cygnet health and social care services.

The Cygnet Nursing Conference and Awards took place last week at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham.

On receiving his award, Magnus said: "This is a huge surprise. No two days are the same in my job and that is why I love it.

"We see young people come in very poorly and we see them make the most remarkable progress. When they leave and turn round to say thank you, it's the most amazing feeling.

"Awards like this show that the work you are doing, it is being seen and appreciated. This means a lot to me."

The event was hosted by David Wilmott, Cygnet's Director of Nursing, who said: "The awards provide an opportunity for staff to nominate colleagues for the exceptional work that they do. This year we had a record number of nominations and it gives me enormous pleasure to recognise those who make outstanding contributions to the care that our service users and residents receive."

Nominating Magnus, the team at Cygnet Joyce Parker Hospital said: "Magnus has gone above and beyond in this role, ensuring that all staff have an opportunity to be heard, meeting with staff in the community and ensuring that they feel valued.

"Magnus is a huge pillar of the local community and also the hospital community, he gives up his own time to support everyone, with no expectation of recognition, this is part of what makes him so special.

"Magnus has brought a laughter and infectious compassion to the hospital. He embodies the values of Cygnet Health Care in all that he does, he is unafraid to speak up for what is right and he empowers people to make positive changes.

"Magnus has demonstrated a high level of care towards all of the young people he supports as well as all staff. He brings fun and laughter to the wards he works on, you often see him dancing around, playing cards with the young people and he is an advocate for positive engagement."

Karen Johnson, Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer, Behavioural Health at Cygnet's parent company Universal Health Services, Inc. (UHS) announced the finalists and winners of the awards, for which there were 529 nominations across nine awards categories

Congratulating Magnus on his award win, Dr Tony Romero, CEO of Cygnet, said: "Nursing is a true vocation that requires compassion, knowledge, professionalism, humility and good humour. I am incredibly proud of the talented nursing teams we have across Cygnet who turn up every day to provide care to some of society's most vulnerable people.

"We owe so much to our nurses and it gives me great pleasure to thank them all and congratulate award winners like Magnus. They improve and transform the lives of thousands of people every year, helping each individual to be the best version of themselves."