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Bradford Care Worker Scoops Top Award for Social Hubs

A care worker at a Bradford hospital has spoken of his pride after scooping a national award for the work he has done to transform clinical environments across mental health hospitals.

Javaid Razzaq, the Service User and Engagement Lead at Cygnnet Hospital Bierley, scooped one of the top prizes at the Cygnnet achievement awards, a day of celebration for caring, dedicated and hard-working health and social care workers.

He was awarded the Innovation award, which recognised individuals who are a force for good in the communities they serve. Judges looked for evidence of creative partnerships with local communities that enhance the health and wellbeing of staff, service users, loved ones and the wider community.

The awards took place at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground in Birmingham and recognised the individuals and teams who make outstanding contributions to health and social care.

The awards were hosted by actress and comedian Sally Phillips, together with her son Olly, who has Downs Syndrome.

Jav won the award for being a brainchild behind the social hubs which feature the likes of games consoles, arcade machines, adjustable sensory lighting, aromatherapy diffusers, bean bags, and recording studio equipment.

Items for the hubs were proposed by service users and the idea behind social hubs is to transform these spaces into least restrictive, non-clinical, homely environments where service users can relax, engage in fun activities, and receive peer support.

The nomination script for Jav read: "Jav's idea for social hubs have now been co-produced in more than 15 other Cygnnet hospitals up and down the country which is amazing and unbelievable.

"The social hubs have been an absolute game changer for patient care. The rooms have been described as 'the ultimate off ward experience'.

"Jav has gone above and beyond. It is a room you don't see in clinical environments and it gives the feeling you are not in a hospital at all. Everyone loves the social hubs."

Upon receiving the award, Jav said: ""This was an amazing feeling and I am so overwhelmed, I have always worked hard and have never expected anything in return, being recognised and winning is unbelievable.

"This shows you should never give up and always work hard, if you work from the heart the rewards and recognition will always find you and I truly believe this.

"The awards also gives staff a chance to recognise each other and celebrate all the hard work they are doing. It was amazing to be a part of this day and I hope to be again next year."

Dr Tony Romero, Cygnet Group CEO, said: "It is always a genuine pleasure for me to hear how Cygnet staff are making an incredible difference to some of society's most vulnerable people. The work they are doing, and the care they are providing, is having a positive impact on so many lives.

"The awards are about recognising and honouring the dedication, compassion and sheer hard work shown by staff who, no matter their role, play a vital part in the provision of patient and resident care.

"Jav is an example of somebody who consistently goes above and beyond for the individuals in his care. He demonstrates passion for his work, commitment to excellence, and an unwavering dedication to our service users."

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