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### **Cygnet Social Care Celebrates Triple Shortlisting at the Stars of Social Care Awards**

Cygnet Social Care is proud to announce it has been shortlisted in three categories at the Stars of Social Care Awards, highlighting the outstanding dedication and compassion seen across its services.

Richard Lee, Registered Manager at Beeches in Retford, a 12-bed specialist residential service for adults with autism and learning disabilities, has been named a finalist in The Mental Health Specialist Award.

This accolade recognises individuals or teams in the care home sector who demonstrate exceptional skill, leadership, and awareness when supporting people with complex mental health conditions.

Speaking on his nomination, Richard said: "I feel very proud to be nominated for the award. This shortlist is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team. I really enjoy my job, as challenging as it can be, I wouldn't change it.

"Working in social care is incredibly rewarding, and Cygnet provides the support needed to raise the bar on the standard of care. I believe innovation in care settings and collaboration with wider circles of support is key to promoting independence and self-efficacy for both residents and staff."

Guy Churchill, a member of the administration team at Conifers in Borrowash, Derby, is a finalist in The Awesome Ancillary Worker Award. This category recognises those in essential support roles, such as administration, housekeeping and maintenance, who go above and beyond to positively impact the lives of residents.

Guy commented: "I consider it a great privilege to be nominated. I love my job! I get to work with fabulous people who are committed to making a difference in the lives of those we support.

"Watching the growth and development of both residents and staff through Cygnet's values is incredibly fulfilling. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

In addition, Cygnet Social Care has been shortlisted in the Complex Care Award category, recognising organisations that deliver outstanding care to individuals with complex health needs.

Gareth Williams, CEO of Cygnet Social Care, said: "I am incredibly proud of our colleagues at Cygnet Social Care for being recognised in three categories at the Stars of Social Care Awards. These nominations reflect the remarkable dedication, skill and compassion that our teams demonstrate every single day.

"From frontline care to ancillary support, each individual plays a vital role in improving lives. Being shortlisted is not only a personal achievement for Richard, Guy and the wider Social Care division, it is a testament to the culture of excellence and commitment that runs through Cygnet Social Care as a whole."

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on 21 June.