



Press Release

Immediate Release

16 September 2025

### **Cygnet Social Care Manager Named Finalist in the Great British Care Awards**

Cygnet Social Care is celebrating after one of its Essex-based managers was named a finalist in the East of England Region of the Great British Care Awards 2025, in the Frontline Leaders Award category.

Dave Onwuka is the Service Manager of Hansa Lodge in Rainham, Essex, a five-bedroom residential service that provides care and support for adults with learning disabilities. The service is part of the Cygnet Social care division.

The Frontline Leaders Award recognises supervisors, senior care workers, team leaders, or first-time managers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in improving care delivery within their teams. It honours individuals who motivate and inspire colleagues, implement effective solutions, and drive a culture of continuous improvement.

Speaking about the nomination, Dave said: "I am happy to have been shortlisted for this award. It goes to show that the work that is done behind the scenes are noticed. If I win, this will be dedicated to my team who has made me what I am today.

"Every day they leave a little of themselves at work, trying to make the change, help someone get back on their feet. I can't thank Cygnet Social Care enough for giving me the platform in the first place and placing the responsibility of management in my care."

The Great British Care Awards are a series of regional events held throughout the UK, celebrating excellence across the care sector. They pay tribute to individuals who have shown outstanding dedication, whether in residential, home care, learning disabilities and autism services, or children and young people services.

The East of England Awards ceremony will take place on 31st October at Stadium MK, home of Milton Keynes Dons, where winners from across the region will be announced.