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Leicester Care Staff Shortlisted for Great British Care Awards

Two dedicated team members from a Leicester care service have been shortlisted for the Great British Care Awards, recognising their exceptional contributions to care and support for adults with learning disabilities.

Toller Road, part of Cygnet Social Care, provides specialist residential support for adults with learning disabilities and complex needs, including those with mental or physical health challenges. The service also offers specialist nursing care.

Chef Lorna Hyden has been shortlisted in the Care Home Cook of the Year category, which celebrates excellence in food and nutrition in care settings. The award acknowledges professionals who go above and beyond to create nutritious, enjoyable, and person-centred dining experiences for residents.

Lorna said: "I was surprised to be nominated for the Great British Care Awards in the Care Home Cook category.

"After the surprise I felt it was a huge achievement and compliment to be nominated. I have been with Cygnet Toller Road for five years now and I love my job and I work with an amazing team here who support each other and want to make a difference in the lives of those we support.

"The staff team here support my work in the kitchen providing both healthy nutritious, enjoyable meals but also making it fun with food for special occasions and enjoyable for both service users and the staff team."

Support Worker Rodney Ferguson has also been shortlisted, in the Dignity in Care category. This award honours individuals who go the extra mile to ensure people receiving care are treated with the utmost respect, privacy, and autonomy, empowering them to live with dignity and independence.

Service Manager Stuart Powell said: "We're incredibly proud of both Lorna and Rodney for being shortlisted for such prestigious national awards. Their passion, commitment, and kindness shine through in everything they do. It's wonderful to see their hard work and dedication to our residents recognised in this way."

The Great British Care Awards celebrate excellence across the care sector, showcasing individuals and teams who demonstrate outstanding dedication, innovation, and compassion.

Regional winners will be announced later this year, with national winners to be revealed at a gala event in 2026.