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Newark Care Manager Shortlisted for National Award Celebrating Inspirational Leaders

A care manager from Newark has been shortlisted for an 'Amazing Manager' award recognising her outstanding leadership, compassion and commitment to supporting individuals with learning disabilities and autism.

Hayley Rogers, Registered Manager at Birches, a Cygnet Social Care service in Newark, has been named a finalist in the Stars of Learning Disabilities and Autism Awards 2025. Hayley has been shortlisted in the Amazing Manager Award (Midlands) category.

Birches, located on Eton Avenue, is a specialist residential service providing high-quality support for people with autism and learning disabilities, including individuals who may present with behaviours that challenge. The service is part of the Cygnet Social Care division, which is dedicated to helping individuals live fulfilling and independent lives through person-centred care and support.

Reacting to the news, Hayley said: "I am speechless to have even been nominated, never mind being selected as a finalist. I'm happy my work has been recognised by the people who have taken their time to nominate me for such an incredible award.

"I'm so lucky to have a job I love and have a great team around me. The best thing about my job is empowering others to achieve great outcomes for the individuals we support. Seeing their smiles on activities and holidays gives me so much pride in the job we are all doing."

The Stars of Learning Disabilities and Autism Awards is an annual event celebrating the exceptional workforce and providers who support people with learning disabilities and autism. The awards recognise the dedication, compassion and commitment of those who make a real difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in society.

This year's ceremony will take place on Friday 5 December 2025, at the Manchester Mercure Piccadilly Hotel, and will be hosted by Traitors star and Mencap Ambassador Alexander Dragonetti.