



## **Press Release**

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#### **Kewstoke Farm Projects Scoops Another National Award**

A mental health hospital in Kewstoke has scooped another national award in recognition of their work transforming an overgrown farm into a therapeutic site for patients.

The team at Cygnet Hospital Kewstoke scooped one of the top prizes at the Cygnet Group achievement awards, a day of celebration for caring, dedicated and hard-working health and social care workers.

They were 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 actor and TV presenter, Alexander Armstrong.

The nomination for Cygnet Hospital Kewstoke read: "At the start of 2026, a long standing effort of building meaningful links with our local community college, Weston College, came to fruition. The hospital is hosting multiples session across the week for their syllabus with different SEN student groups.

"Through this partnership we are seeing this farm burst into life, and with it improved community links. The yurt being used for yoga, teaching sessions for the college and plans for team building sessions.

"This project has sparked passion across the hospital; attending students have written dissertations about the positive impact on staff and service users, it has opened increase volunteering opportunities and we have bolstered our sustainability efforts."

Upon receiving the award, Hospital Manager Josh Tapp said: "We are incredibly proud to receive this award and for the innovation happening across Cygnet Hospital Kewstoke to be recognised on a national level. What started as an ambition to transform an overgrown and underused space has grown into something that is

having a genuinely positive impact for our service users, staff and the wider community.

“The project has created opportunities for therapeutic activity, learning and meaningful connections, while strengthening our partnerships with local organisations.

“Here at Kewstoke we are always striving to innovate to ensure those in our care receive the very best support possible. This award is a reflection of the passion and hard work of everyone involved and we are excited to continue developing the project and seeing the difference it can make.”

The Kewstoke Farm Project was created to transform an unused and overgrown area of land into a therapeutic outdoor space that supports wellbeing, learning and community engagement. The site now provides opportunities for service users and partners to take part in activities that encourage connection with nature, develop new skills and build stronger links with the local community.

Professor Tony Romero, Group CEO, said: “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.

“There is so much for us to be proud of as an organisation, and the winners and shortlisted candidates are representatives of the thousands of colleagues across the country who have made a difference in the lives of others.

“The day was about recognising them, celebrating the difference they make and inspiring one another to keep delivering the very best for those in our care.

“Staff at Cygnet Hospital Kewstoke consistently go above and beyond for the individuals in our care. They demonstrate passion for their work, commitment to excellence, and an unwavering dedication to our service users.”

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Cygnet Group is a leading provider of health and social care services for young people and adults with mental health needs, acquired brain injuries, eating disorders, autism and learning disabilities within the UK.

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