

# NEWS

## Sanctuary Supported Living services reach Care Awards regional finals

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Staff and residents from across Sanctuary Supported Living are celebrating after having six services shortlisted for a national care award.

The six Sanctuary Supported Living services were each shortlisted in different categories for the regional 2020-21 Great British Care Awards, and included a mix of both individual and team awards. The awards ceremonies will be held in April 2021 and any finalists who win on the night will be put through to the national finals in summer 2021.

Alison Notman, Local Service Manager at Old Milton Road in New Milton, a supported housing with care service for people with

learning disabilities, was shortlisted for the Care Home Manager award. She was recognised for her strong leadership, especially during Covid-19, and for the creative penguin-themed techniques that she and her team devised to help residents understand social distancing and feel comfortable wearing masks.

The team at Nickleby Road supported housing service in Chelmsford, which supports adults with learning disabilities, were shortlisted for Housing with Care award, thanks to their great teamwork and their personalised approach to meeting residents' individual needs in a fun and engaging way.

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At Clover Court physical disabilities service in Lowestoft, Domestic Assistant Dawne Albon was shortlisted for the Ancillary Worker Award, after being nominated for going over and above in her role, and for keeping both staff and residents' spirits up during the challenges of lockdown.

Staff at Montague Road, a mental health nursing home in Felixstowe, were shortlisted in the Palliative Care / End of Life category, for their compassionate approach to a very difficult subject, and the kind and caring way they support both residents and their loved ones.

At Hilltop House, a supported housing service for adults with physical disabilities in Bury St Edmunds, the team were shortlisted for the Care Home Team award, in recognition of their holistic approach to care and support, taking into account every resident's individual needs, and for working together to help residents achieve their personal goals.

At Norton Road homelessness service in Stockton, the team were shortlisted in the Housing with Care category, for providing a supported housing service which enables residents to build on their skills and strengths, and gain the confidence they

need to achieve their personal goals and live as independently as possible.

Sara Keetley, Operations Director for Sanctuary Supported Living, said: "I'm so proud of all of our Great British Care Awards regional finalists. I know all of our staff have worked harder than ever since the Covid-19 pandemic began, so to have six nominations making the regional finals is a fantastic recognition of their efforts and the wonderful work they do to provide the best care and support for residents every day. I'm really looking forward to celebrating with everyone at the awards night."

