

Triple award success for Sanctuary Supported Living at first-ever national awards

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Supported housing provider, Sanctuary Supported Living, is thrilled to have triumphed with a hat-trick in the first ever National Housing with Care Awards.



The Presented by Homes Under the Hammer television presenter, Martin Roberts at a dazzling award ceremony in London, the not-for-profit organisation celebrated three winners from nine shortlisted finalists, who all showcased dedication to a customer-centred approach to housing, support and care:

The Frontline Leader Award - Keira Harrison

Managing Thurrock Teenage Parents Supported Housing service in Essex, Keira is always willing to lend a hand and get stuck in. She works tirelessly to improve outcomes for young parents and parents-to-be who are in need of housing and support. Judges said: "It's so very obvious that Keira has learnt her job from the inside out. She radiates care concern and complete understanding of both her role and her client group. This kind of dedication can't be taught."

The Housing Manager Award - Jane Prior

Jane was nominated by Project Worker, Louise, for being an outstanding Local Service Manager at young people's service, Weston Foyer. Judges said: "Jane demonstrated not only her skills and commitment to a service that has significant challenges, but her passion for making a difference to those young people who cannot speak for themselves really shone through. She should be really proud of the difference she is making to children's lives."

Also in the running for The Housing Manager Award was Sussex Avenue's Local Service Manager, Alex Mephram. Alex was highly commended by judges for "managing a first-class service."

The Care Team Award – The team at Sussex Avenue

About Sussex Avenue, who share a commitment to providing an exceptional service to

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residents with profound and multiple learning disabilities, physical disabilities, and mental health, judges said: “The team demonstrated a real passion and dedication to care that was palpable. They work around the principles of a truly person-centred practice and are outstanding at what they do.”

A high commendation was awarded to the team at Cambridge Mental Health Service, with judges commenting: “They have a strong ethos of ‘not giving up’, believing that everyone has the right to be included.”

In addition to Sanctuary Supported Living’s success, partner Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board are celebrating Elveta Bailey’s Care Commissioner Award win, who was nominated in honour of her joint working approach on The Lookout, a first of its kind supported living service for adults aged 18+ experiencing mental health crisis.

Dave Shaw, Director for Sanctuary Supported Living said: “We were over the moon to see the tremendous work that our colleagues do in meeting customer needs being recognised at these fabulous awards.

“Three award wins, two commendations and an award win for one of our partners for their innovative approach to commissioning supported housing, highlights just how hard we work to provide pathways for independence for our customers, and underpins our vision to make a positive difference to lives and communities. I’m really proud of these achievements which strengthens our credentials for helping people to live as independently as possible, and I hope that they will inspire colleagues across Sanctuary Supported Living to continue being their best.”