# *News from Surrey Care Association*

# SURREY’S ADULT SOCIAL CARE STAFF HONOURED AT GALA AWARDS CEREMONY

###### BBC Newsreader Nicholas Owen presented Surrey’s care ‘Oscars’ Friday 20 November, Epsom Downs Racecourse

The Surrey Care Awards, the county’s annual awards ceremony for adult social care staff, took place on Friday 20 November at Epsom Downs Racecourse.

Over 450 care employers and staff attended this year’s Awards which were presented by distinguished BBC newsreader Nicholas Owen. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was BBC Surrey presenter Sylvie Blackmore.

The Surrey Care Awards are the county’s annual ‘Oscars’ for care workers. The Awards recognise the hard work and dedication of people working in a wide variety of jobs in adult social care including dementia care, caring for people in their own homes and caring for adults with learning disabilities. The 65 finalists for the Surrey Care Awards 2015 were nominated by their colleagues, with glowing and often moving testimonials from service users and their families.

This year the 15 awards categories including Unsung Hero, Beyond the Call of Duty, Care Newcomer, Provider of the Year, Innovation in Dementia Care and Outstanding Contribution to Social Care with two additional awards Lifetime Achievement and Judges’ Special Award.

The Awards are organised by Surrey Care Association which represents the interests of over 700 independent providers of care and support services in the county. Erica Lockhart, Chief Executive of Surrey Care Association said,

“ This was our seventh annual Awards ceremony and this year’s was bigger than ever! We want to shout about the really excellent care that goes on in Surrey day in day out. Social care staff are so often unsung heroes and we want to change that by highlighting and rewarding their achievements. Our Surrey Care Awards also highlight the wide range of rewarding employment and career development opportunities that exist within our local care sector. I’d like to thank everyone who nominated staff and of course our generous Sponsors who make the awards possible. ”

The Surrey Care Awards 2015 were supported by Platinum level sponsors Welmede Housing Association; Gold level sponsors Abbeyfield Wey Valley Society and Ashcroft Care Services; Silver level sponsors Berendsen, Downing Care Homes,  Spectrum Consortium and Bidvest Food Services.

**Surrey Care Awards Winners 2015**

**Ancillary Team of the Year Award** sponsored by Spectrum & Bidvest Food Services Winner: The Ancillary Team, Walton Heath Manor, Walton on the Hill

**Beyond the Call of Duty Care at Home** sponsored by BKR Care Consultancy Winner: Wendy Sayers, Welmede Housing Association, Chertsey

**Beyond the Call of Duty - Care Home** sponsored by Care Shop Winner: Monica Prosser, Acorn Court Care Home, Redhill

**Care Newcomer of the Year - Care at Home** sponsored by Care Choices & Care Management Matters Winner: Maria O'Sullivan, Ashcroft Care Services, Redhill

**Care Newcomer of the Year - Care Home** sponsored by Lester Aldridge Winner: Tobias Flanagan, Broome Park Nursing Home, Betchworth

**Care Team of the Year** sponsored by Berendsen Winner: Parity for Disability, Camberley Day Service Staff Team, Camberley

**Frontline Leader of the Year** sponsored by Kieran Lynch Winner: Beata Czapla, Downing Care Homes, Byfleet

**Innovation in Dementia Care Award** sponsored by Abbeyfield Wey Valley Society Winner: Lynne Vallender & the Livingstone Crescent Care Team, Signature - Moorlands Lodge, Hindhead

**Involving Friends, Family and Community Award** sponsored by Queen Elizabeth's Foundation Winner: Abbeyfield Wey Valley Society, Farnham

**Manager of the Year Award - Care at Home** sponsored by Broome Park Nursing Home Winner: Sharon McLaughlin, Welmede Housing Association, Chertsey

**Manager of the Year Award - Care Home** sponsored by Bluefin Group Winner: Karen Williams, Birtley House Nursing Home, Bramley, Guildford

**Most Innovative Activity Programme involving Service Users** sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living of Weybridge Winner: The Changing Perceptions Team at The Meath Epilepsy Charity, Godalming

**Outstanding Contribution to Social Care Award** sponsored by Welmede Housing Association Winner: Jacqueline Jones, Clarendon Home Care, Kingston upon Thames

**Lifetime Achievement Award** sponsored by Welmede Housing Association Winner: Jackie Del Rio, Welmede Housing Association, Chertsey

**Provider of the Year Award** sponsored by Ashcroft Care Services Winner: The Meath Epilepsy Charity, Godalming

**Unsung Hero of the Year Award** sponsored by Downing Care Homes Winner: Pam Jarvie, The Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society, Banstead

**Judges' Special Award** Winner: Learna Pettitt, Eternity Care and Support, Woking

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**For more information or interviews with local finalists in your area please contact Felicity Otterson, Loud Communications,** **felicity@loudcommunications.co.uk****Tel 07770 227216**

**Surrey Awards winners’ photography by Mark Eaton, Mark in Time Photography Tel 07968 533809.**

**Editors’ notes**

1.      Additional sponsors include Beritaz Care; Broome Park Nursing Home; Care Choices; Care Management Matters; Carebase; Care Shop; Care Unlimited; Christie and Co; Citation; Kieran Lynch; KPMG; Panache Professional Solutions; Queen Elizabeth’s Foundation;  Sunrise Senior Living of Weybridge.

2.      Surrey Care Association (SCA) provides support and information to adult social care providers in Surrey including care homes, domiciliary care agencies and supported living and housing providers. Elected Board Directors provide a network for providers to work together and act as an important communication and information link for providers providing services in the county of Surrey and neighbouring areas. SCA is a not-for-profit limited company established in September 2005. In May 2014 it launched as subscriber organisation and no longer receives grant funding from Surrey County Council and is now fully independent.