

Care Conference and Awards 2024

Summary of the event on 6 March 2024



Introduction

Thank you to all who attended our East Midlands Care conference. It was great to meet so many of you and the day had a very positive atmosphere and energy.

We are grateful to the many companies who sponsored our Care Awards and who were in our marketplace. Their support allows us to continue to host this free conference for all of you who work in care. A full list of these companies is attached – and available at <https://healthinnovation-em.org.uk/events/care-awards-east-midlands>

Feedback

Thank you for all who provided feedback on the conference, this is very valuable and allows us to tailor the planning for any future events to ensure it meets your needs.

We are delighted that the feedback gave the conference an approval rating of **9.62 out of 10** with all elements of the conference rating very highly. If you attended but haven't yet completed a feedback form, [please share your thoughts with us here](#).

Awards

The climax of the conference is the presentation of the Care Awards where we can celebrate and highlight outstanding care. The nominations this year were excellent which made judging more difficult as the scoring was so close. To all of you who were shortlisted a huge **Well Done** as this was a great achievement.

You can read more about our finalists on our website <https://healthinnovation-em.org.uk/news-blog/latest-news/1589-celebrating-the-unsung-care-heroes-across-the-east-midlands>

Sharing ideas from the awards nominations

All of the nominations we received **showcased great ideas** for enhancing the lives of those that you look after, and we are pleased to be able to share some of these ideas with you.

Some of these you may well already be delivering but others may hopefully spark some ideas of new activities to introduce.

Idea	Where	County
A life history of the resident to aid conversation including early years, education, employment, marriage and family, travel	Pytchley Court	Northamptonshire
Annual Pantomime with staff and residents involved and tickets sold to the local community	Oaklands	Nottinghamshire
Black country Museum - living history great place to visit to spark memories	Oaklands	Nottinghamshire
Dementiability - dementia skills programme from Canada	Darley Hall	Derbyshire
Ducks in the grounds looked after by residents	Darley Hall	Derbyshire
Garden bird watch	Richmond Homes	Northamptonshire
Greggs ~(or other local businesses) donating pies for monthly Bingo and Pie and Peas night	Oaklands	Nottinghamshire
Guinea Pigs as therapy pets - residents involved in their care schedule	the Avenue	Northamptonshire
Have a karaoke machine so residents can sing even without a professional singer to run sessions	Rathgar	Northamptonshire
" Little Acorns " once a month staff's children come in for socialisation with the residents	Oaklands	Nottinghamshire
Memory Lane monthly café open to non-residents, using items from a local museum to trigger memories	Oaklands	Nottinghamshire
Monthly disco open to non-residents who also have learning disabilities	Oaklands	Nottinghamshire
Move and Groove intergenerational program on fitness with a local school	Darley Hall	Derbyshire
Regular relatives' meetings where issues affecting the home or residents are discussed	Bankwood Care Home	Derbyshire
Residents included in staff meetings with the opportunity to express their views	Pytchley Court	Northamptonshire



Residents vote for their "Employee of the Month"	Brookfields Private Nursing Home & Bankwood Care Home	Derbyshire
Secret Santa , staff buying a gift for one specific resident with names drawn from a hat	Bankwood Care Home	Derbyshire
Staff Shoe scheme - business reimburses half of the cost of work footwear	Brookfields Private Nursing Home	Derbyshire
Staff's children involved in activities and parties such as Halloween where residents and children do activities together	Ashfields	Derbyshire
Tea and Talk sessions for residents with Dementia and their families, offering support to the families	Melbourne House	Nottinghamshire
Virtual visit to Disneyland - lounge made into an aeroplane, spent the day with the "crew" meeting Disney characters	The Old School House	Leicestershire and Rutland
Visits to the communities where residents were brought up or lived	The Angela Grace Centre	Northamptonshire
Weekly Bulletin for relatives as well as residents to keep everyone up to date	Brookfields Private Nursing Home & Morton Grange	Derbyshire
Wimbledon Day - hired a local tennis court and enjoyed strawberries and cream	The Old School House	Leicestershire and Rutland
Wishing Well where residents share their unfulfilled wishes, which the home strive to make them come true	Holly House	Northamptonshire
Write a book about the care home and use residents' illustrations	Darley Hall	Derbyshire



