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Shortlisted for International Dementia Award in the category: Service Innovation Team of the Year Finalists

(Insert Name Of your Company/Organisation/person here) is among those shortlisted for the International Dementia Awards in the category Service Innovation Team of the Year, the team of the year could come from any service that supports people with dementia. Nominees for the team award demonstrated that they have enhanced the quality of services received by people with dementia through their work for example as a clinical commissioning team, a care home group, a housing organisation or other.

The awards will be presented by Baroness Joan Bakewell, as part of the International Dementia Conference in Birmingham as the centrepiece of the Conference Dinner on November 3rd.

The judging panel will decide who to celebrate from among the tremendous work that is being done in the UK and across the world. These awards bring everyone’s attention to the shortlisted people and projects, and all the families and people with dementia who are touched by them. We know that there are many unsung heroes who work for people with dementia and their carers without ever being noticed. We dedicate these awards to all of them. The Judges’ panel will consist of members of the DSDC International Advisory Board which includes members from all over the world, who are themselves leaders in the work to improve the lives of people with dementia.

Professor June Andrews, Director of DSDC said, “This is a great way to celebrate what is best in dementia care. People are putting knowledge into practice and really making a difference for individuals, families and communities.”

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International Dementia Conference ([www.internationaldementiaconference.co.uk](http://www.internationaldementiaconference.co.uk))

Running at The Vox, Birmingham 3-4 November 2015, the International Dementia Conference will bring together leading figures from around the globe and from a variety of different industry backgrounds to learn and share ideas on the best ways to tackle dementia as a global issue. Created for everyone involved in supporting people with dementia and their carers, both in the UK and internationally, the conference runs concurrently with Care & Dementia Show 2015, the largest health and social care exhibition in the UK.

Care & Dementia Show ([www.careshow.co.uk](http://www.careshow.co.uk))

Care & Dementia Show is the biggest trade event in the UK for the care and dementia sector and takes place at the NEC, Birmingham on 3-4 November 2015. The show features dedicated suppliers, best practice ideas and technology showcases as well as providing education, products and services for those owning or running any organisation involved in the care of older people and/or affected by dementia. These include proprietors, directors and managers of care homes, nursing homes, domiciliary care agencies, sheltered accommodation, learning disability homes, local authorities, specialist care units, private hospitals and construction companies.

Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC), Stirling ([www.dementia.stir.ac.uk](http://www.dementia.stir.ac.uk))

Dementia Services Development Centre is an international centre of knowledge and expertise dedicated to improving the lives of people with Dementia, drawing on research and practice from across the world, to provide a comprehensive, up-to-date resource on all aspects of Dementia. Based at the University of Stirling, DSDC works with individuals and organizations to improve the design of care environments, to make communities Dementia-friendly, to influence policy and to improve services for people with Dementia. 2015 - the DSDC’s 25th anniversary year - is marked by the Dementia Festival of Ideas which will explore the meaning of Dementia to us all, looking at the subject from as many different angles as possible and as creatively it deserve.