



Nomination Example

Ward/ Service Name:

Occupational Therapy

Hospital/Unit:

Cygnets Hospital Beckton

Organisation/Company/Trust Name:

Cygnets Health Care

Submitted by

Name:

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Phone:

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Role:

Occupational Therapist

Email Address:

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Nomination

Categories:

- Excellence in Co-Production
- Recovery and the Arts

What makes this a good nomination?

- ✓ All sections have been completed in full including contact details
- ✓ Entered into a maximum of two categories
- ✓ Adheres to the suggested word count
- ✓ Lots of information is given in the full overview including; **how the project was service user driven** & how the project impacted others. Remember, this will be the first time the judges are hearing about your project therefore, it's important to include full information on the project
- ✓ Includes quotes and comments from staff and service users
- ✓ Photos/documents have been attached to show the process/results of the project
- ✓ Does not include any service user names

Name/ Title of Initiative

Cygnets Beckton Music Festival

Brief summary of initiative in no more than 50 words

The Music Festival has been a success for the past 2 years at Cygnets Beckton. One of the main aims was to give the experience of a summer music festival to service users who may not have ever had that opportunity or had always struggled with this concept.



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Full overview of project

The music festival is an event at the hospital that is talked about long after it has happened! It was only natural for us to arrange a second one but this time we wanted even more service user involvement. A Music Festival Committee was organised where service users could sign up to join the weekly meetings to support the organisation of this event. During the meetings service users would take the lead sharing ideas and making action plans of jobs that needed to be completed in the lead up to the festival. = Meetings were attended by 4-5 service users each time. Nearer to the festival they allocated jobs to go into the community to buy the food, drink and decorations.

Jobs were also allocated to each ward in the hospital for service users unable to attend the committee meetings. These tasks included making banners, making decorations and making a flower wall as a background for photos. The Music Festival was held in a ward garden central in the hospital, making it accessible to every service user- especially those who were unable to come out and could still enjoy it. Live musicians played to the packed garden and over 40 service users and staff attended.

This project originally started to celebrate World Music Day but to also gave opportunity to replicate a typical music festival giving the experience to people who may not have ever had this or been able to. On offer were wrist bands on entry, temporary tattoos and body gems, ice pops and a bubble machine!

Comments from service users involved in the project or any other additional information:

Service users involved in this project fed back that they enjoyed the experience of being involved in the preparation and then seeing it all come together, they felt satisfied that they had accomplished such a successful event.

Service users who attended still talk about it! Some of the comments included:

"It was the best day I have ever had in hospital"

"It made me so happy and forget my problems. I loved the live music and the opportunity to feel normal again"

"Having a mix of staff attend made me feel like we were all equals and I forgot I was in hospital because everyone was having such a good time"

"I liked the tattoo table and bubble machine. I also felt like I was at a real festival with the wrist bands on entry"

Staff were also very complimentary of the festival and many said they got lots of enjoyment and pleasure from seeing the service users so engaged, happy and having a good time. I am asked for the rest of the year when the next one will be!

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