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Charity's Solihull Home named a Teaching Care Home

The Royal Star & Garter Home in Solihull has become a Teaching Care Home after completing a one-year course.

It means The Royal Star & Garter Home in Solihull can now be considered a centre of excellence in person-centred care, teaching and learning.

Home Manager Cheryl Harbourne, Lead Nurse Pat Cassidy and Lead Health Care Assistant Becky Mullins finished the course, established by Care England and funded by the Department of Health.



The aim of the Teaching Care Homes programme is to develop a network of homes that each show a commitment to providing person-centred care. Teaching Care Homes must also share its best practice with staff, students, residents and the community, as well as having strong working relationships with academic and education providers, and be a resource for other care homes to seek advice.

Solihull Home Manager Cheryl Harbourne said:

"We pride ourselves in providing the best care to our residents, and that is reflected by our 'Outstanding' CQC rating and retaining our Level 1 Accreditation by Dementia Care Matters. We think it is important to share our knowledge and experience with others, so that we can promote best practice and get across the message that adult social care is an exciting, rewarding, forward-thinking career choice. Being a Teaching Care Home will help us do this."



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Captions

Pat, Becky and Cheryl

Cheryl and Pat with certificates and their Teaching Care Home Programme award

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About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

The Charity provides award-winning care for military veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War.

Today our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes offer a pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care. We have award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands and Surbiton, Surrey. Our third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, opened in April 2019.

We continue to expand our services to reach even more veterans. In 2018, we were able to support 186 residents in our Homes and 36 guests at our Day Care service. We also offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. We provided 11,700 individual sessions of physiotherapy and speech & language therapy last year to support our residents' health, and over 5,600 places to residents for activities, outings and events, to promote well-being.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

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