

Wales Care Awards 2013 - winners honoured at social care 'Oscars'

Friday October 18th saw the 11th annual Wales Care Awards ceremony - the Oscars of the social care sector - take place in Cardiff's City Hall. The event is hosted by Care Forum Wales. It was compered by BBC Wales newsreader Lucy Owen and entertainment was provided by Welsh mezzo soprano Sioned Terry (pictured below).



Guests at the awards included the Welsh Government's Deputy Minister for Social Services, Minister for Local Government, Lesley Griffiths and representatives of the Five Nations Group from across the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

The awards were also featured on **S4C's Heno programme** - watch the [clip here](#) (the Wales Care Awards item is around 38 minutes into the programme).

Mario Kreft, Care Forum Wales' chair, said: ""This has been a truly inspirational evening with many wonderful stories about the positive work achieved in the social care sector in Wales.

He continued: "The calibre of nominees this year has been extremely high and demonstrates the fantastic work that is ongoing across our sector.

"An evening like this underlines the importance of the social care sector," he added. "It is the glue that binds our communities together, both socially and economically. There are more

than 150,000 people in Wales receiving social care and the sector employs more than 80,000 people - that's equivalent to five per cent of the Welsh workforce.

"Tonight we celebrated all the nominees, those selfless men and women who provide care and support to vulnerable people across Wales. Every single one of them is a winner - and this is a celebration of all that's best within the social care sector in Wales.

Cariad Care Homes Ltd came away with three silver awards

Catering in Care Award

Sponsored by: Woodward's Food Service – Leah Carter, Area Manager

Presenter - Cllr Huw Thomas, Cardiff Council Cabinet Member, Health and Adult Social Care, Cardiff Council

Jo Parry Bodawen Nursing Home – Silver

Nurse of the Year Award

Sponsored by Tena Products – Karen Jackson, National Account Manager at SCA

Presenter – Nigel Downes - Primary Care & Independent Sector Adviser, RCN Wales

Rhian Evans Plasgwyn Nursing Home – Silver

Residential Care Practitioner Award

Sponsor – Older Peoples Commission – Sarah Rochira, Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Presenter – Lesley Griffiths

Irene Millar Plasgwyn Nursing Home – Silver