



Norfolk and Suffolk Health and Care Awards 2026

Hospital to Community Award

Hall Farm Gardens Team

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The Hall Farm Gardens team is nominated for transforming the life of a gentleman who, after approximately 40 years in institutional mental health services under the Ministry of Justice, now lives independently in his own home. Through exceptional teamwork, careful planning, and close collaboration with multiple professionals, the team enabled a safe and successful transition from a highly controlled environment to a life defined by choice, dignity, and independence. Their work reflects the Hospital to Community ambition by demonstrating how compassionate, personalised support can enable meaningful community living.

The team took time to understand the individual's preferences, interests, and aspirations, ensuring care was truly person-centred. They supported him to experience everyday activities for the first time, including a memorable cinema visit and celebrating Christmas at home with his sister—milestones that highlight the emotional impact of their work. Thoughtful initiatives, such as engaging festive activities, helped create joy and build new positive experiences. Their proactive approach ensures he continues to access opportunities that enhance his wellbeing and quality of life.

The impact has been profound for both the individual and his family. He now enjoys regular contact with relatives, has developed strong relationships with staff, and takes pride in his home and independence. The team successfully balanced support with the least restrictive approach, earning praise from commissioners and a tribunal judge. This achievement is particularly significant given his previously long length of stay. Overall, the team has enabled a safer, happier, and more fulfilling life within the community.