



Norfolk and Suffolk Health and Care Awards 2026

Unsung Hero Award

Sivanandy Nagendran

Norwich and Norfolk Surgical Ltd (N2S)

Mr Sivanandy Nagendran is an outstanding Consultant Ophthalmologist whose expertise, dedication and compassionate care have transformed the lives of tens of thousands of patients across Norfolk. Over more than a decade at the Norwich and Norfolk Day Surgery Unit (N2S), he has played a key leadership role in delivering over 20,000 cataract operations, achieving an exceptional 99.9% patient satisfaction rate and consistently outstanding clinical outcomes.

As Clinical Lead, Mr Nagendran has driven innovation, efficiency and service excellence. Under his leadership, N2S has increased surgical capacity—even during Covid—enabling the treatment of long-wait patients from across the region, while saving the NHS over £1.5 million annually through cost-effective service delivery. He is also deeply committed to education and training, mentoring generations of ophthalmic professionals and supporting continuous development within the workforce.

Beyond the UK, his charitable work and commitment to underserved communities further reflect his dedication to improving eye health and access to care. Known for his kindness, patience and individualised approach, he provides exceptional support to vulnerable patients, including those with dementia, frailty and complex needs.

Highly respected across both hospital and community settings, Mr Nagendran regularly shares his expertise through clinical teaching and guidance sessions, influencing practice across the wider region. Patient feedback consistently highlights his calm, reassuring manner and the high-quality care he provides.

Through sustained excellence, innovation and compassion, Mr Nagendran has made a profound and lasting impact on patient care, workforce development and ophthalmic services, making him truly deserving of recognition.