

Wellbeing

Awards, Celebrations & Nominations

We are proud to have received numerous awards, nominations, and celebrations over the past 12 months, reflecting the hard work and dedication of our team. Here's a roundup of our recent achievements:

Two Mind Excellence Awards - February 2023

Following our Mind Quality Mark (MQM) Award in 2022. We were delighted to receive two Mind Excellence Awards in 2023, for our work in Influence & Participation and Finance & Fundraising.

"These awards are a testament to all the hard work done by Birmingham Mind in our Finance Team and around Participation and Influence (Service user involvement). We should never stop striving to improve and I am proud that Birmingham Mind has received the recognition it deserves in both of these categories." - Helen Wadley, CEO



BBC Gardeners World Live | Wander and Wonder - Gold Award June 2023

Awarded to the brilliant RHS Level 2 Students from Winterbourne House and Gardens for their entry into the BBC Gardeners World Live, Beautiful Borders category. The border was designed for the service users of Rookery Gardens. The 25 ceramic snails hidden throughout the border represent the 25 homes on site at Rookery Gardens and is now rehomed in our orchard for the benefit of residents, staff, volunteers and visitors.



Third Sector Care Awards March 2024

Leadership Award, awarded to Donna Henderson our Talking Space Service Manager Community Engagement Award, awarded to our East Birmingham Vulnerable Adults Team.



Birmingham Mind Staff Long Service Awards December 2023

We celebrated staff who had achieved their 5 year, 10 year and 15 year long service awards, with four staff members collecting their 20 year award, two people received their award for 30 Years service. Shirley Williams, Operations Manager for Registered Services, collected our first ever 40 Year Service Award.



Birmingham Awards - Finalist November 2023

Donna Henderson Talking Space Service Manager, a finalist in the category of Employee of the Year.



Midlands Service Excellence Award - Rising Star of the Year March 2024

Awarded to our Fundraising Lead Kerrie Henry-Edge.



HSJ Partnership Award January 2024

Grounded at Selly Oak and Birmingham Minds Talking Space service were a finalist in the category of Best Mental Health Partnership with the NHS.



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In Memory

In April 2024, our Involvement & Participation Manager Andrew Nicholls sadly passed away.

Andrew had worked for Birmingham Mind for 22 years, starting his career working in our supported housing service, later taking up the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator and more recently the position of Influence and Participation Manager.

In 2019, Andrew took on the role as Manager of our Anti-Stigma group and, through his passion to acknowledge that mental health stigma still exists, set to work to break down those barriers faced by so many by working with different faith groups, women's and children's services and the LGBTQIA community. His empathy and kindness touched the lives of many and he will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Andrew's dedication to his work and his passion for making a difference to the lives of others will always be remembered.

In memory of Andrews dedication and service, we are introducing the Andrew Nicholls Award. A prestigious annual award, that will recognise those who empower, encourage and inspire the voice of others. More details about the award will be announced on our website soon.



Reflections from our CEO!

Helen Wadley

"This year, like many before it, has seen some incredible milestones achieved through the dedication of our services. However, it has also been marked by the loss of someone very dear to us —Andrew Nicholls. Andrew worked with us for 22 years and played a pivotal role in shaping our efforts around service user engagement, influence, and our external anti-stigma campaigns. He is deeply missed."

As I reflect on the stories within this impact report, the idea of "partnership" continually stands out. Our staff possess remarkable skills in building trust with those we serve, offering unwavering support and walking alongside them on their journey. I often envision a person at a crossroads, with one of our team members by their side—explaining the various paths available, but always reassuring them that we'll be there, ready to walk down whichever road they choose.

Whether someone is in a crisis, is partway through their journey, or is feeling stuck, we are committed to being there—wherever and whenever we are needed. Financial support allows us to reach more people, but an investment in Birmingham Mind goes beyond funding. It empowers us to place more staff at those crossroads, helping individuals take meaningful steps toward a better life.

Thank you to our staff, volunteers, trustees, supporters, and funders for making this work possible."

