



Carer Friendly Business Awards Birmingham: Nomination Guidance

To mark Carers Week 2019, we are giving you the opportunity to say **THANK YOU** for any outstanding service that has made an impact and difference to someone in their caring role or for employers who demonstrate an understanding of the needs of a carer.

The Carer Friendly Business Awards Birmingham was launched to help promote the importance of supporting carers in the workplace and to engage with businesses across the city.

Who can be nominated?

The awards are for businesses across Birmingham which have contributed to supporting carers in their community and/or workplace. We are looking for organisations and individuals who are carer friendly and regularly go above and beyond in their support for carers.

Nominations will only be accepted from Birmingham residents for business service providers, employers and staff in the city.

Nominations for the Awards run from June 10, 2019, which is the start of Carers Week and will run until August 5, 2019. The winners will be announced on Thursday, September 5, 2019 with an awards breakfast on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

How to nominate someone for an Award

- Complete the attached nomination form giving details of the nominee and why you feel they merit the Award. Once completed, send the form to: **FREEPOST RTZL-USLG-YTCE, Birmingham Carers Hub/Forward Carers, Touchbase Pears, 750 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6NA** or email the nomination form to heroes@forwardcarers.org.uk with 'Nomination Form' in the subject field
- Nominations can also be made online at <https://forwardcarers.org.uk/carers-friendly-business-awards-birmingham/>

All nominations either by post, email or via the Forward Carers website must be received by 5pm on Monday, August 5, 2019



What are the categories?

The Working for Carers Award – In order for the organisation to be eligible it **must** be signed up to the Working for Carers scheme. A panel of independent judges will determine the winner. Organisations signed up to Working for Carers in Birmingham are:

- Gateway Family Services
- Ashiana Community Project
- Barefoot Yoga
- Midland Mencap
- Birmingham City Council
- Birmingham Disability Resource Centre
- CHS Healthcare
- Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce
- Age Concern Birmingham
- Headway Birmingham & Solihull
- Health Exchange CIC LTD

The Community Business Award – Members of the public can nominate any business in Birmingham which has provided them with a positive experience relating to their role as a carer. All businesses signed up to the Working for Carers scheme are automatically entered and the winner is chosen by the public by voting.

The Carer Friendly Champion Award – Anyone can nominate a manager, team, colleague or individual within their workplace, who has gone above and beyond to support staff or a staff member in a caring role. The business/office must be in Birmingham. A panel of independent judges will determine the winner.

How will the nominations be judged?

All entries will be anonymised and reviewed by an independent panel of family carers and professionals. The decisions of the judging panel are final.

Nominations will open on Sunday, June 16, 2019 and the winners will be announced on Thursday, September 5, 2019.

ALL entries must be received by 5pm on Monday 5th August 2019

