



accolades 2009

celebrating the very best practice in workforce development



## launch of a new apprenticeships category: Most effective employer investment in apprenticeships

The apprenticeships category was launched on 9 March, 2009 by Care Services Minister Phil Hope and is open for nominations. The category was added to the Accolades awards to reward social care employers who take on apprentices in their business.

**Category 11 - Most effective employer investment in apprenticeships is applicable to the adult social care workforce only.**

To achieve an Accolade proves an organisation's success in improving the lives of people who use social care services through workforce development.

Does this sound like your organisation? If you provide a high quality service and invest in training and developing your staff we want to hear from you.

You can also nominate another organisation or employer that you think would be a worthy winner.

This year nomination forms are to be completed electronically. The nomination information is available in the accolades section of the Skills for Care website, [www.skillsforcare.org.uk](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk) or email [accolades@skillsforcare.org.uk](mailto:accolades@skillsforcare.org.uk). If you do not have internet access please call 0113 241 1295.

The categories for this year's awards are:

**Categories 1 – 7 are applicable to the adult social care workforce only**

1. Best employer of under 250 staff
2. Best employer of over 250 staff
3. Best individual employer who employs their own staff
4. Best provider of learning and development
5. Most effective recruitment initiative
6. Best partnership with people who use services and /or carers
7. Best partnership supporting transformation

**Category 8 is applicable to both the adult's and children's and young people's workforce**

8. Best quality provision of social work practice learning opportunities

**Category 9 - 10 is applicable to the children's and young people's workforce**

9. Most effective practice in workforce development across partner agencies
10. Safeguarding children – keeping children safe in social care

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11. Most effective employer investment in apprenticeships

**Nomination forms must be returned by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009**

Judging will take place throughout the summer and the winners will be announced at the gala awards ceremony in December.