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Local substance misuse charity wins ‘The Outstanding Achievement Award’ at The Hertfordshire Care Awards

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Druglink’s dedicated care team at Oxygen Recovery based in Hemel Hempstead have been rewarded for reaching the highest of standards and achieving excellence at the eighth annual Hertfordshire Care Awards. The team were declared the winners of the Most Innovative Care Team Award, sponsored by Ridouts Solicitors. They picked up their prize in front of a packed 380-strong audience at the ceremony hosted by Hertfordshire Care Providers Association.

The Druglink team is made up of 33 people who are dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by the misuse of alcohol and other drugs. Oxygen recovery is Druglink’s drug and alcohol rehabilitation service that offers a two year pathway of supported accommodation. They work constantly to provide the best care for service users, putting them at the very centre of what they do whilst also supporting their loved ones. Each service user at Oxygen Recovery is given their own individualised treatment plan, which is tailored to best suit their needs, to give them the very best chance at recovery from drug or alcohol addiction.

Joe Hunter, who has received support from the Oxygen team at Druglink, said: *“They really care and it’s very individual. There are a lot of different people from different backgrounds with different issues and they really help with everything. I feel like I’ve had my life handed back to me and it is Oxygen that have done that.”*

The Druglink team are honoured and delighted to have won this prestigious award and are thankful that their hard work and dedication has been recognised. Wendy Nee, Oxygen Recovery Service Manager said: *“This award means so much to us as a team and we are thrilled to have been recognised as innovative in the work we do with our clients. It also raises the profile of our client group, who are so often stigmatised, and takes away the fear surrounding drug and alcohol users and may encourage more people to seek treatment.”*

Druglink pride themselves on their forward thinking approach to recovery, having developed a pathway tackling not just detox and rehabilitation, but also aiming to educate people, rebuild lives and help tackle alcohol and other drugs in the local community. Druglink believe that giving people the knowledge to make sensible decisions about their usage will help prevent possible issues with substances in the future. They also aim to help vulnerable people and those coming through recovery by offering them work experience and the opportunity to learn new skills & build



confidence.

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About Druglink

Druglink's pathway of prevention, recovery and reintegration makes a positive impact on the lives of those misusing drugs and alcohol, their families and their communities. Along each step of the pathway we provide a range of both proactive and responsive services. These include education, training, rehab and recovery, Diversion schemes in partnership with UK Police Forces, and work experience opportunities. We also run Coffee Ethic, our social enterprise, and all profits are re-invested back into the running of the service.

Find out more at www.druglink.co.uk