

PRESS RELEASE

BEACON WINNERS ILLUMINATE EXCELLENCE



Left to right: Mary Trott (Training Manager), Kelley Russell (Training Director), Cheryl Hadland (Managing Director)

Aspire Training Team, the Bournemouth based training provider offering training in health, childcare and care across Dorset, Somerset, Hampshire have been granted **Beacon status** by the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS).

Managing Director of Aspire Training Team, Cheryl Hadland, accepted the award on 8 December with Aspire Key Assessor, Marion Brooks, and Apprentice Poppy Wright.

Beacon status is awarded by invitation to exemplary learning providers who promote and pursue excellence.

LSIS uses published inspection reports and advice to identify potential candidates for Beacon status.

Representatives will celebrate their achievement at an awards ceremony hosted by LSIS at the National Motorcycle Museum in Solihull.

Dame Ruth Silver, LSIS Chair, who will present the awards, said:

"All of the Beacon winners are doing a magnificent job in helping learners of all ages to achieve their full potential."

The latest award brings the total number of Beacon providers nationally to 179, and demonstrates the full range and diversity of organisations in the further education and skills sector.

Aspire Training Team, which started in March 2008 is approved by City & Guilds to offer a range of courses locally, all relating to working in a care environment. The team previously achieved a Beacon Award in the year 2000

(when it was formerly known as Tops Training Team) and it's the only service of its kind to achieve an Outstanding Ofsted grade for quality of training in the South. The Government describe the Aspire Training Team as a "world class work based training provision."

Aspire promises 'Opportunity through training and mentorship' and trains learners and employers in over 20 nurseries and care homes. They currently have 95 learners with 53 following the apprenticeship programme.

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Note to Editors:

Photos of Today's ceremonies will follow as soon as possible.

Cheryl Hadland will be available for interview after the ceremonies. Please call Louise on 01202 551553 to arrange.

The 15 new Learning and Skills Beacons are:

- Aspire Training Team Ltd
- Beaumont College
- Blackpool Sixth Form College
- Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College
- City of Sunderland College
- Davidson Training UK Ltd
- Hadlow College
- Hartpury College
- London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Adult Learning & Skills Service
- Rolls-Royce plc
- Ruskin Mill College
- Skandia UK Ltd
- Skillnet
- South Birmingham College
- Training Services 2000 Ltd

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