



Practice Educator Awards

Thank you to all of our Practice Educators

We want to celebrate the great work that has gone on this year with placements and to thank our hard working Practice Educators for all of their support.

A number of PE's have been nominated for 'Practice Educator of the Year'. The winners today will also be sent a token that can be spent online.

Many congratulations to everyone!



Practice Educator for Calderdale Council Romany Turner



Practice Educator of the Year 2024

Romany Turner

Has been awarded 'Practice Educator of the Year' for Calderdale Council
for providing excellent student support

June 2024

Samantha Clayton
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Practice Educator for Calderdale Council Romany Turner



Romany was so supportive throughout my first placement. She was always there whenever I needed her and would even take time to support me on her non working days.

She deserves to win for being so supportive.

Nominated by Jade Nothers, University of Huddersfield



Practice Educator for City of York Council Carol Brown



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Practice Educator for City of York Council

Carol Brown



Carol's approach to social work is inspiring, she truly puts the person at the centre of every intervention and decision, and is a true advocate. She encouraged me to think critically, act with purpose, and encouraged my interests and passions.

Carol's gentle guidance, encouragement and support is impossible to pin down to one simple act, it was continuously present throughout the 100 days, and to this day, carries on as she sends me job adverts and cheers me on with completing my dissertation.

The final placement is a huge piece of work; the work itself, the assignments, and the constant learning, Carol was with me every step of the way, and she has this incredible way of supporting without it being too much, knowing when to let me try and do on my own, and being there anytime I needed.

Nominated by Katie Westoll, University of York



Practice Educators for Kirklees Council Emma Duggan & Bethany Flynn



The Martin Hunt Practice Educator of the Year Award 2024

Emma Duggan and Bethany Flynn

Have been awarded the 'Practice Educator of the Year Award'
for Kirklees Council for providing excellent student support

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Practice Educators for Kirklees Council Emma Duggan & Bethany Flynn



Emma and Beth were both case holding a significant amount of cases, as well as going through their senior practitioner, but never made me feel like they were 'too busy'. They ensured to prioritise my supervision, and held development sessions for myself to further support me with my reflective and analytical skills.

Furthermore, the organisation and communication between them both was amazing, which was something I was worried about with having two practice educators.

Emma and Bethany really pushed me on placement, but equally provided me with a safe space and as a result I significantly developed not only as a person, but as a future social work.

Both of them are extremely inspiring social workers and I am excited to work alongside them in the future!

Nominated by Sophie Ellis, University of Huddersfield



Practice Educator for North Yorkshire Council: Hiede Coates



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Practice Educator for North Yorkshire Council: Hiede Coates



I am Hiede's first student since completing her PE qualification. She has approached this role with kindness and compassion, and I feel I could discuss any concerns openly and honestly (not that I have any!). When I have questions Hiede is responsive and thorough, though inundated with casework of her own she never seems to be busy to answer my questions or provide support. She has signposted me to others as necessary and has ensured I am welcomed by those she works with, respecting individual choice. Hiede has ensured that I am well supported within the team when she is not available. Hiede has shown me a wide variety of work with a children's social work team and is gradually building my confidence and abilities in this new and challenging role.

Supervisions are always interesting and engaging with Heide planning and preparing a range of resources and activities that help me to link theory to practice, encouraging and ensuring I consider situations from a range of viewpoints, thereby helping me become a more confident and rounded social worker. Hiede is organised and efficient and ensures necessary tasks and input are completed in a timely way which aids in completion of necessary documentation and evidence. Hiede is quick to share feedback, and when this relates to an area for improvement she is tactful and considerate. I consider that Hiede goes above and beyond to support my development, and I am grateful for this.



Nominated by Kate Bennett, Social Work Apprentice

Practice Educator for the Independent Sector

Anna Bukowski



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In a team where social workers predominantly work from home, Anna went out of her way to ensure that I was in the office and meeting people face to face. Anna (and the team) welcomed me into the team and treat me with respect and trust. Anna has always prioritised our supervisions and even in the busy work environment has not cancelled one of these, and clearly recognises the value of these supervisions. (Bonus points for Anna is when supervisions involve cake!)

Anna has been approachable and has made it clear she is always there for me throughout my whole placement and has supported me through challenges, while giving me enough independence to learn from my own case load.

Furthermore, Anna has provided me with countless resources to help me develop my knowledge further and apply theory into practice which has been so helpful.

Nominated by Isobel Holland, University of York

