

Regional Social Work Awards 2026

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Nominations are now open!

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Checklist for applying to the Regional Social Work Awards 2026

**PLEASE USE THIS CHECKLIST TO HELP PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE
REGIONAL SOCIAL WORK AWARDS 2026.**

Closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Tuesday 30th June 2026.

Application checklist

Listed below is a summary of the information needed in each part of the application. Please ensure that you have gathered the information needed before starting the online application.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Section 1 – Proposer details. These details are for the person proposing the social worker(s) for the Award. The information required includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Name✓ Daytime phone number✓ Email address✓ Role in which they have contact with the nominee(s)✓ Work address or contact address
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Section 2 – Nominee details. These are required for every social worker included in the nomination and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Name✓ Social Care Council registration number,✓ Job title✓ Daytime phone number✓ Email address at employing organisation✓ Address where they are based for work
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Section 3 - Statement to support the application. This is a descriptive piece to evidence how the nominee(s) meet the criteria for the Award. The response sections for this statement is limited to 7,000 characters (approx. 1,000 words with spaces) and cannot be exceeded. Supplementary material cannot be added to the application. It is recommended to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Brief description of where the nominees' works✓ How they meet the criteria for the Award✓ What makes their practice excellent✓ How they have contributed positively to people's lives✓ Quotes and testimonies from service users, carers and other professionals will be helpful in evidencing this nomination.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Section 4 – Endorser details. These details are for the person authorised to approve/submit the nomination (in most cases, this will be a person within the line management structure). Access to the online form must be shared using the unique log-in provided through the 'Save and return' option on the online form.</p> <p>Before approving the application, the Endorser must confirm that the application has been approved by the organisation employing the nominee(s), check that no breaches of service user or carer confidentiality are contained within the application and that consent has been sought from nominees to being included in the nomination. (This will not apply in the case of retired social workers who are nominated for the Legacy of Light Award). The information required includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Endorser Name✓ Job title✓ Organisation this person represents✓ Organisation address✓ Daytime phone number: (Required)✓ Email address (Required)