

# VEAs 2019

Judges  
Top tips



Could you be a winner?

Your guide to entering the 2019  
Voyage Excellence Awards

# Searching for a star!

PLUS!

How to make your  
nomination stand out

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# Nomination process

Here's a step-by-step guide to help you get your head around the nomination process.

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**Nominations open**



1 June

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**Nominate**

Fill in our nomination form and submit your nomination.

Follow our judge's top tips on page 7 to help you!

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**Nominations close at midnight**



15 July

4

**Regional judging**

Team of judges go through each nomination and choose their regional finalists.

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**Regional celebration**

All the regional finalists are invited to celebrate - getting to this stage is a massive achievement!

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**National judging**

From the list of regional finalists, a winner and runner up is chosen for each category. These are the national finalists.

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**Voyage Excellence Awards**



17 Oct

Did you know?  
Last year we had over 600 nominations!



"I was really honoured to be nominated and to reach the final, I am even more honoured to win"

**Steph Allen, Winner of the Operations Manager of the Year award 2018**



# Filling out your nomination

## Before you start your nomination

### You will need:

- Full **name** of the person you are nominating
- Which award **category** your nomination fits into
- The name of the **service/team** this person works in
- Their region and **Managing Director**
- Your **reasons** for nominating the person



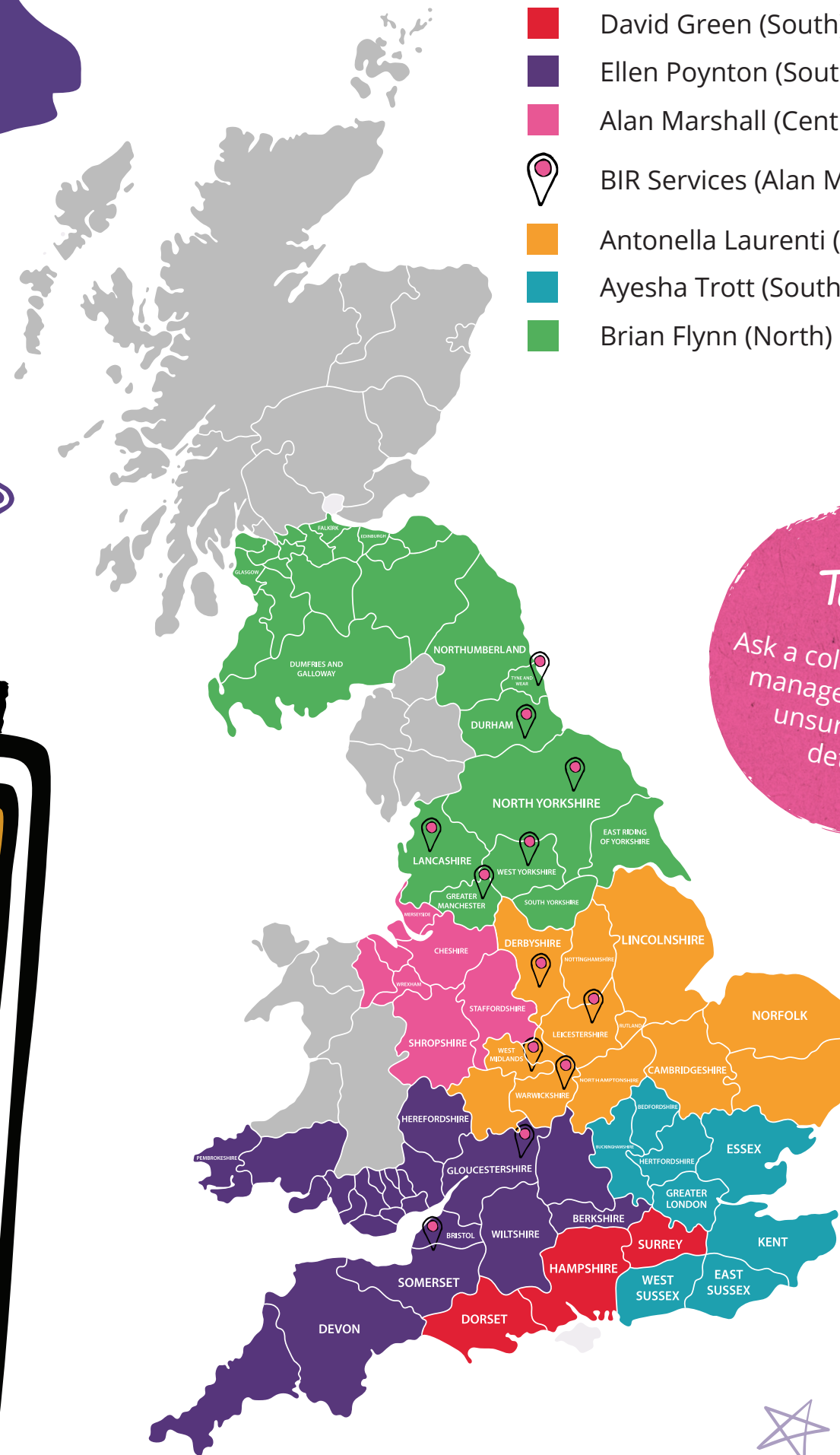
## Award categories

- ★ Community Team of the Year
- ★ Care Home Team of the Year
- ★ Specialist Team of the Year
- ★ Branch of the Year
- ★ Community Support Worker of the Year
- ★ Care Home Support Worker of the Year
- ★ Field Based Support Team Member of the Year
- ★ Learner of the Year
- ★ Group Support Team Member of the Year
- ★ Group Support Team of the Year
- ★ Community Manager of the Year
- ★ Care Home Manager of the Year

Psstt...

There are also special awards up for grabs on the night, chosen by the selection panel!

- David Green (South)
- Ellen Poynton (South West)
- Alan Marshall (Central West)
- 📍 BIR Services (Alan Marshall)
- Antonella Laurenti (Central East)
- Ayesha Trott (South East)
- Brian Flynn (North)



**TOP TIP**  
Ask a colleague or line manager if you are unsure of any details.



# Jargon

## buster

### Nominee

The person you want to win an award

### Testimonial

A message from someone who works with or has been supported by the person you are nominating. This could be from a family member, external professional or person we support.

### external professional

Someone from outside of Voyage Care who can speak highly of your nominee. E.g. a social worker or Care Manager

### Judge

A member of the selection panel who will help to decide the nominations that are successful.

### Nomination

The form you fill in that tell us all about your nominee and why they should win.



## Judge's top tips



1

**Give examples** - always give specific examples to back up your reasons for nominating.



Think about what the nominee has done that's special and the positive impact they have had on the people they support.



2

**Time** - make sure you give yourself plenty of time to write a high quality nomination

3

**Stand out** - remember the judges have a lot of nominations so be clear why your nominee has gone above and beyond

You have 300 words - use them! The more detail you can give, the better.



"When writing your nomination, keep your explanations clear and to the point while ensuring there is enough information for the selection panel to make their decision. The panel won't know anything about the fantastic work that the person you are nominating has done and can only take into consideration what they are reading."

**Michedla Blanche**

Risk and Governance Manager and member of the VEA judging panel





You can nominate online from  
**1 June.**

To find out more about how to  
nominate visit:

[voyagecare.com/voyage-excellence-awards](http://voyagecare.com/voyage-excellence-awards)

You can nominate here:

[surveymonkey.com/r/VEAS2019](http://surveymonkey.com/r/VEAS2019)

*good luck!*

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