



# Terms and Conditions

## Essex Care Sector Awards: The Prospers 2026

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This competition is organised by Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford. CM1 1LX

Essex County Council reserves the right to cancel or amend the Competition or terms and conditions without notice in the event of any factor outside Essex County Council's reasonable control. Any changes will be posted either within these terms and conditions or the Competition Notice.

A copy of the terms and conditions may also be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Essex Care Sector Awards, Provider Quality Innovation Team, E1, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford. CM1 1QH.

Rules:

1. **Entries should be submitted by email to [theprospers@essex.gov.uk](mailto:theprospers@essex.gov.uk)**
2. Opening date for entries is **1st June 2026**
3. Closing date is **5pm on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026** – Entries received after this time shall not be accepted;
4. Entry is restricted to Providers of:
  - a) Residential Care homes & Nursing Homes;
  - b) Domiciliary Care agencies;
  - c) Supported living schemes;
  - d) Extra Care Schemes
  - e) Day care services

that provide services to **Adults** (for the avoidance of doubt this includes the provision of services to Older People) within the Essex County Council Local Authority geographical boundaries.

5. Submissions must reflect innovative achievements that are the direct result of current implemented practice by the provider (as listed in point 4 above) which is evidenced by a positive impact on those people they support.
6. Submissions can be supported with supplementary evidence in several ways including data, anecdotal evidence, photographs and testimonials from related parties. Any personal information including photographs must either be anonymised or submitted with full permission of the person identified and will be subject to scrutiny under General Data Protection Regulations.
7. Submissions which contain any work that has been specifically and directly suggested, created or implemented by a member of staff, past or present, who either now currently works or has worked in the last six months for Essex County Council must be declared as it could potentially have a conflict of interest or could be seen as an unfair advantage.
8. Any such declarations do not prohibit entry of nominations, but it will be at the discretion of the Judging panel as to whether there is an unfair advantage or conflict of interest and reserve the right to disqualify.
9. No responsibility is taken by Essex County Council for entries that are illegible, misdirected, lost for technical or other reasons.
10. By entering the competition, entrants are deemed to have read and understood these rules and agree to be bound by them.
11. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Wednesday 2nd December 2026.
12. Winners will receive an award trophy and a certificate identifying the category they have won.
13. Submission of an entry indicates approval by the entrant to be named in publicity (although further permission will be sought in the case of photographs, should they be sought by the media or Essex County Council).
14. Essex County Council reserves the right to disqualify any entrant if serious quality concerns, where citizens of Essex are deemed to be or have been at risk, are raised about the entrant or organisation they work for, including if the outcome of safeguarding investigations are still impending.
15. Essex County Council reserves the right to disqualify any entrant if the entry contains any illegal or offensive content or it has reasonable grounds to believe the entrant has breached any of the Rules.
16. No cash or other prize alternative is available.

## Data Protection:

Essex County Council recognises that your privacy is important to you and we use the latest technologies & best practices to secure all personal information. Essex aims to preserve your privacy at all times and will not disclose your personal information to third parties unless it is required to do so by law or it, in good faith, believes that such action is necessary to:

- Comply with the law or with legal process
- Protect and defend our rights and property
- Protect against misuse or unauthorised use of this website
- Protect the personal safety or property of our customers or the public (among other things, this means that if you provide false registration information or attempt to pose as someone else, information about you may be disclosed as part of any investigation into your actions)

All personal information shall be destroyed at the end of the competition and shall not be stored by Essex County Council or passed to any third parties unless required to do so by law or it, in good faith, believes that such action is necessary to comply with the above bulleted points.