

## Tracie up for national award

**Family Support East Practice Manager Tracie Collins has been shortlisted for a national social work award.**

Tracie is among 68 social workers and social work teams on the shortlist for the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2015, following a record number of nominations for this year's event. She is in the running for the Team Leader of the Year, Children's Services Award, having been nominated by Academy Learning and Development Manager Ray Halford and Biggleswade Team Manager Jackie Walsh.



In their joint nomination, they said: **“We consider Tracie to be the type of manager that children’s social work desperately needs to help it deal with the current and future challenges around the recruitment, retention, and the development of children’s social workers.**

**“This has been our motivation for putting this nomination together, so as to acknowledge Tracie’s total drive and commitment to doing her very best for children and families and all workers who support them.”**

That was backed up by Tracie’s Head of Service, Interim Head of Family Support Trevor Moores. He said: **“Tracie’s teams have a very high level of permanent staff and ASYE (assessed and supported year in education) social workers chose to stay on because of the learning culture she has created.**

**“She manages two teams through their managers, whom she supervises, and the third team directly herself; an arrangement which she manages sensitively and seamlessly.**

Tracie said of being short-listed for the award: **“This is an honour and my nomination would not have been possible without the support of an amazing social work team, committed stakeholders and dedicated administrative staff. I would like to use this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those in my support network as I would not be here without you.”**

The winners will be announced at a ceremony at the Lancaster Hotel, in central London, on Friday, 27 November.

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