



# Press Release

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## **Carole celebrates over 40 years at the hostel**

Carole Crouch, celebrated over 40 years working at the probation hostel in Worcester. Carole was presented with a special award by the National Approved Premises Association (NAPA) to recognise her achievement.

Each year NAPA holds an awards ceremony to recognise the achievements of staff in Approved Premises around the country. There is an individual award and a team award but this year they felt it appropriate to make a special additional award for long and distinguished service.

Mike Short, Director of NAPA said, *"This really is a special award - there is no one working in Approved Premises in the UK that has worked as long as Carole. It is a remarkable achievement. Working in Approved Premises can be hard work and often challenging, and we are pleased to have this important opportunity to recognise what you do."*

Pete Davidson, Executive Committee Member of NAPA and West Mercia Probation Trust Board member presented the award to Carole, he said, *"Carole has been the mainstay of our hostel over the years. She has seen and adapted to many changes and remains positive and committed to the work of the service. Her experience is invaluable and she is always willing to share her knowledge and expertise with new members of staff"*.

Carole, from Worcester, first worked at the hostel in 1967 when it started out as a women's hostel run by the church. Throughout the years Carole has seen many changes right up to its present day as a Probation Approved Premises for men. Carole was thrilled to receive the award, she said, "*Thanks everyone, I am honoured*".

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**PHOTO: A photo of Carole Crouch being presented with her award by Mike Short and Pete Davidson is available on request.**