

## Example of a good nomination

First name: Jenny

Surname: Alford

Job title: Communications Officer

Contact number: [REDACTED]

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Nominee's first name: Richard

Nominee's surname: Webb-Stevens

Nominee's job title: Paramedic

Nominee's contact number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's work email: [Richard.webb-stevens@londonambulance.nhs.uk](mailto:Richard.webb-stevens@londonambulance.nhs.uk)

Nominee's staff group: Central operations

Please write your nomination here:

Richard is an ambassador for the Service and a true role model.

He has severe hearing loss and uses hearing aids but he has never let this get in the way of his career as a paramedic. He works as a motorcycle responder and I believe is the first deaf person to be selected to work on London's Air Ambulance.

Not only does Richard not let his disability get in the way of him treating patients and saving lives, but he is also an inspiration to others who suffer from hearing impairments.

During evenings he attends local deaf clubs and teaches people how to do basic life support, as he believes strongly that those with hearing problems should get the chance to learn these vital life-saving skills.

He also goes to many public events, including family community events, often out of regular working hours, to promote the Service and the great job that our staff do.

On top of all of this, Richard also finds time to do media interviews and help promote the fact that people with hearing impairments can break through barriers and achieve great success. For example he has appeared several times on the BBC2 See Hear Programme, aimed at those with hearing problems. During the interviews he has spoken (and signed) about how he got into the job of a paramedic and what barriers he has overcome. Richard is a true role model for the Service, always speaking openly and positively about the job he and fellow colleagues do and what impact his hearing impairment has on his role.

[http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/news/news\\_archive/hearing\\_problems\\_not\\_a\\_limit.aspx](http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/news/news_archive/hearing_problems_not_a_limit.aspx)

Richard is an inspiration to others with hearing problems, such as Denise Gilligan, who parked her long held ambition to be a St John Ambulance medic many years ago assuming her hearing problems

disqualified her from frontline ambulance work. Denise had heard about Richard and contacted him to arrange a meeting. Having spoken to Richard, who gave her reassurance and motivation, Denise decided to pursue her dream and has passed the course and now works providing patient transport service for various NHS trusts and private healthcare providers.

This is just one of the many people who Richard has inspired during his years working as a paramedic, teaching at deaf clubs and attending public educational events.

I really hope that this inspiring paramedic and role model is recognised for his amazing work and achievements.