

## **VIDA Sheffield Celebrates Success at the 2025 Benefact Group Charity Heroes Awards**

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Vida Sheffield is proud to announce that it has been recognised at the 2025 Charity Heroes Awards, held at the iconic Tower of London. The ceremony brought together inspirational leaders, fundraisers, trustees, and community champions whose work is transforming lives across the UK and Ireland.

Hosted by Dr Andy Cope of The Art of Brilliance, the event featured powerful speeches from solo adventurer Annasley Park, alongside Benefact Group CEO, Mark Hews. Finalists were joined by representatives from across the Benefact Group, who presented prizes to the winners.

### **Award Recognition**

- *Category:* 'Triumph Through Adversity'
- *Winner/Runner-up:* Vida Sheffield
- *Reason for recognition:* honoured for resilience in overcoming challenges while continuing to deliver vital support

**Jane McClaren, Clinical Manager:** *"Securing funding in the charity sector is never easy, but the last two years have tested us beyond anything we've experienced. To receive national recognition for our resilience, our impact, and the dedication of our team means more than we can say. This award belongs to every staff member, trustee, volunteer, and supporter who stood with us and with the women and girls we serve!"*

The Charity Heroes Awards celebrate charities across the UK and Ireland who work tirelessly to make positive change. Organised by the Benefact Group, the awards shine a spotlight on unsung heroes in the charity sector and provide recognition, support, and a sense of community.

Since 2014, Benefact Group has donated over £250 million to charitable causes, making it the UK's third-biggest corporate giver in the past decade.

**Mark Hews, Group Chief Executive of Benefact Group, said:** *"Hosting our second Charity Heroes Awards at the Tower of London was an incredible privilege. It was humbling, energising and inspiring to recognise unsung heroes in the charity sector and hear how they*

*are changing the world we live in. These charities stood out for their passion, commitment and impact. We hope these awards will support them to continue their brilliant work.”*

**Notes to Editors:**

- Charity name: Vida Sheffield
- Charity mission: *Vida Sheffield is a specialist women’s charity providing trauma-informed therapy, domestic abuse support, and wellbeing services for women and girls across South Yorkshire. For over 30 years, Vida has worked to support survivors of domestic and sexual abuse through evidence-based psychological therapies, advocacy, and community programmes.*
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