



Winner in the theme of Partnerships and Collaborations:

Nominee:	The G999 Team (Devon and Cornwall Special Constabulary)
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The Winning Story: (Original Unedited Version)

Please tell us your nominee's story (What have they done? How have they gone that extra mile?):

G999 is a collaboration between a team of special constables and a mental health charity. Every Friday night this team takes over any job that police are dealing with which has a mental health element to it. The clinician then supports the individual to give them a far greater level of care than they would normally get. This team has been going for 6 months and has supported over 50 people, often suicidal or have severe mental illnesses. The team aim to stabilise the individual in the short term and also work on a long-term plan. Jobs have included talking a suicidal man down from a bridge, supporting a man who had just tried to hang himself and helping a man with severe schizophrenia.

Please tell us how this story demonstrates professionalism in everyday policing:

40% of all police jobs have a mental health element, however, the police cannot be expected to be experts in supporting people with these problems. This team not only gives those individuals the help they need but it also takes the pressure off of the police service. Officers are so stretched that even if they wanted to help, they don't always have the time. This is where G999 are different. They often spend a whole shift with one person. Which benefits that person and the police force by allowing officers to continue their shift

Please tell us what the lasting impact of the story is on colleagues or the public:

G999 have supported 50 people who would not have received the level of care without the team. As well as short term assistance on the night, the clinicians are also able to make recommendations for long term care. This includes inviting the people to the mental health charity where they are able to gain long term support for their illness. They also suggest which other professionals the people would benefit seeing, this includes a GP who may be able to medicate for their problems.