



David Young

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Independence Support

Award-winning social care leader with 25+ years' experience in adult social care.

Available for expert comment

Adult Social Care Reform | Supported Living |
Independent Living | Social Care Workforce |
Community-Based care.

Areas of Expertise

- Adult social care
- Supported living
- Independent living
- Social care reform
- Learning disabilities and autism
- Community-based support
- Social care workforce
- Service quality and innovation
- Leadership in social care

About David

David Young is Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Independence Support (ISL), **with more than 25 years' experience in adult social care**. Beginning his career as a Support Worker, he progressed through operational and senior leadership roles before co-founding ISL, where he now leads supported living, crisis and community-based services across Northern England.

An award-winning social care leader, David has been recognised throughout his career for developing innovative, person-centred approaches to support, most recently receiving the Outstanding Director Award at the Stars of Social Care Awards 2024. He is passionate about improving outcomes through innovation and helping people live independently.

Professional Experience

- Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer of Independence Support.
- 25+ years' experience in adult social care.
- Progressed from Support Worker to Chief Executive Officer.
- Contributed to discussions at 10 Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament on apprenticeships, workforce development and supporting Armed Forces veterans into social care.
- Recipient of multiple Innovator of the Year awards for developing person-centred approaches to social care.
- Outstanding Director Award – Stars of Social Care Awards 2024.

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