Achieve together

Meet Stephen

Home Manager Stoneybeck, Pontefract



About Stephen

When Stephen joined Achieve together he brought with him more than 26 years of experience in social care. He was inspired to begin his career after his father was diagnosed with lung cancer and received excellent support from Macmillan nurses. Caring for his father at home taught Stephen a great deal and encouraged him to give something back by supporting others.

Since then, he has worked across end-of-life care, dementia support, clinical care and learning disability services. Stephen has progressed through a range of roles, from support worker to registered manager. Before joining Achieve together, he also gained experience in branch development and recruitment.

"My next step is to become a peripatetic manager, where I believe I can use my experience to support more teams and add even greater value."

Stephen's key skills

- Quality assurance
- Safeguarding and risk management
- Person-centred care
- CQC compliance and regulatory oversight
- Coaching and mentoring

Stephen's successes

One achievement that stands out for Stephen was supporting a person with autism and Prader-Willi syndrome to reconnect with activities outside his home.

Over 12 months, Stephen took time to build a trusting relationship and understand what mattered to him. They worked together at his pace, beginning with small, manageable steps and gradually introducing new routines and experiences.

Stephen offered consistent encouragement, reassurance and practical support, while making sure the person remained in control of his choices. With this support, he grew in confidence and began working on a farm two days a week. He later enjoyed a supported holiday with other farm workers, marking a positive change in his independence, wellbeing and quality of life.

Get to know Stephen

- Favourite meal – Steak and chips
- Favourite animal – Donkey
- Favourite colour – Blue
- Favourite hobby – Fishing
- Bucket list holiday – Canada