

Recognition for colleagues at Butler Trust Awards

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Charlyann Dennehy and Robert Taylor of [Sodexo's Justice business](#) have received Commendations at the 2023 Butler Trust Awards, held at St. James's Palace in London and hosted by HRH The Princess Royal.

The Butler Trust Awards celebrate and promote the best in UK prisons, probation, and youth justice. This year the awards received 423 nominations from prisons and other justice settings nationwide.

Charlyann Dennehy, a senior prison custody officer at HMP/YOI Bronzefield, received a Commendation for her exceptional leadership of the prison's 15-bed 'trauma-informed' healthcare unit. Her work has been described as "second to none" by colleagues, and her nomination praised her ability to manage difficult situations with compassion and professionalism while ensuring the safety and well-being of both prisoners and staff. She has played a vital role in promoting a community feel and reducing social isolation among the unit's most vulnerable residents.

Robert Taylor, trades and employability lead at HMP Addiewell, was awarded a Commendation for his passion and commitment to maximising the employment opportunities for prisoners on release. Robert was praised for his dedication to ensuring prisoners have access to high-quality education and training opportunities, including during the pandemic. He has also been instrumental in promoting literacy and numeracy skills, which are critical for reintegration into society.

He also secured a partnership with Sleep Pod, resulting in the construction and distribution of 500 sleep pods to Homeless Project Scotland.

Sodexo CEO Government Paul Anstey said: "We are extremely proud of Charlyann and Robert for their incredible achievements and contributions to our justice business and the wider community."

“It is always good to see such well deserving performance acknowledged but even more so when it comes from such a prestigious body as the Butler Trust.”

The Butler Trust Awards Director Simon Shepherd said: “The Butler Trust offers its congratulations to all the winners and commendees at this year’s ceremony. We are thrilled to celebrate those working in UK prisons, probation and youth justice. The outstanding work they do is often hidden and it’s fantastic to see so many public servants recognised and commended for their wonderful contribution.”