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| **The Gary Seaman Award 2020Celebrating outstanding commitment from practitioners (professional or volunteer) supporting families affected by alcohol, drugs and gambling** |
| Do you know someone who has made all the difference to a family struggling to deal with drug or alcohol use or gambling? This award, in honour of Gary Seaman, is a chance for that outstanding practitioner (professional or volunteer) to be recognised, celebrated and awarded for making life better for a family through the professional support they have provided.The winner of this prize will be invited to Adfam’s Virtual Festive Celebration on Thurs 9th December 2020 and presented with a prize of £150! If you would like to nominate someone for this award please use the form below. Nominations are both welcome from families that have received support, and from professionals wishing to recognise a colleague. Please send submissions to admin@adfam.org.uk **Gary Seaman**Gary Seaman provided many years of dedicated work to support carers and those impacted by the effects of substance misuse in the London Borough of Lewisham and beyond. Sadly he died in June 2013, aged just 53. His partner Michael and two sons, Alex and Luca, chose Adfam as the charity to honour Gary's memory due to his close association with the organisation and it was decided that the most appropriate way to do this was through this annual award.Vivienne Evans, CEO of Adfam, said of Gary "he was one of Adfam's most faithful and vocal supporters. He would always be available for interviews, photographs and focus groups, giving the all-important perspective of a family member affected by substance misuse. That willingness, both to participate and to speak out, made a vital contribution to our work; it is very much appreciated, and will be sadly missed.Adfam’s work as the national voice of the family benefitted from the passion and commitment which Gary demonstrated. This benefit was enjoyed not only by our organisation, but by the thousands of families everywhere who find themselves affected by addiction. It is only by speaking out from behind the stigma which attaches itself to families in this position that we will be able to create a national movement which campaigns for more recognition and support.Gary’s untimely death leaves a sadness and a loss. He will, however, always be part of Adfam and will be remembered with great affection as a friend and supporter, as a campaigner and an example to us all.”**Adfam**Adfam is the national umbrella organisation working to improve the quality of life for families affected by someone else’s drug, alcohol or gambling problem. We do this by working with a network of individuals and organisations that come into contact with families, friends and carers affected by drugs, alcohol and gambling.  |

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| **Your details** |
| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Relationship to nominee |  |

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| **Nominee details** |
| Name |  |
| Service |  |
| Time spent working with families |  |
| Reason for nomination: what difference has this person made? Please provide a case-study. |  |
| **Prize details** |
| 1. The prize is open for nomination for any practitioner (professional or volunteer) in the UK who has supported families affected by drugs, alcohol and gambling.
2. The winner of the Gary Seaman Award 2020 will be invited to Adfam’s Virtual Christmas celebration 9 December 2020 and win a prize of £150
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| **Terms and conditions**1. All entries must be received by 30 November 2020 - winners will be notified by 4th December 2020
2. The judges’ decision is final
3. Submission must be limited to 500 words
4. Adfam recognises families’ rights to privacy. If you would like to remain anonymous please let us know and we will respect this, but you must still include your name and email address in case we need to contact you to get more information on the nominee.
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