

We are delighted to announce that Ruby Bhatti, our Falls in Care Home (FinCH) study PPI representative in Bradford, has been awarded an OBE by the Queen in the 2019 New Year's Honours List.

Ruby is being honoured for her services to young people and housing. A well-deserved honour and we are proud she is on the FinCH research team. Ruby is also a nominee for Governor of the Year at the 2018 Bradford Schools Awards, a board member of the Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust and Dixons Academies Trust, and also has more than two decades of experience as a solicitor.

She was previously chair of the BME Housing Association, is a non-executive board member of Carlisle Business Centre, and also sits as a non-executive director in the social housing sector for Incommunities.

She is also a governor at four schools and used to work for TRACKS Education, providing learning for children with medical needs which prevent them from attending mainstream school.



She said: "I feel really honoured and privileged to receive this recognition.

"The honour is also an extremely humbling one which I dedicate to my late parents who brought me up and always tried to help others.

"I also would not be where I am today without the support of my husband and daughter.

"I'm completely overwhelmed, but also very fortunate to work with so many amazing people across the district who have made a real difference to the lives of others.

"I hope this will inspire others to give something back to the community."

Well done Ruby and enjoy your time at the Palace!