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Award nomination for Action for Blind People

National charity, Action for Blind People, has been nominated for a prestigious Computing magazine Award for Excellence 2006, under the 'Projects in the Voluntary Sector' category. The winners will be announced on October 25th at an awards ceremony in Battersea Park.

The nomination recognises the Action Impact project, a system which provides better information management, enabling the charity's information services to become more efficient, therefore benefiting more users.

Action commissioned Infoworks to make improvements to the information service, namely through:

- Productivity gains
- Better workload management
- Quicker client referrals
- More informed decision making
- Uniform approach
- Less maintenance effort
- Provision of organisation-wide statistics

Jacque Wakeford, Head of ICT at Action for Blind People, said, "I'm extremely pleased for our client and case management project to have been shortlisted, recognizing all the hard work by staff and our partner, Infoworks. This system is already becoming a critical tool in our work with visually impaired people."

Since extending the system to all teams within the organisation in September 2005, Action Impact has enabled Action for Blind People to offer a more efficient approach to users, resulting in a more comprehensive service.

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Notes to editors:

- Action for Blind People supports over 20,000 blind and partially sighted people in the UK every year. Action for Blind People's National Freephone Helpline is 0800 915 4666.
- Action works to inspire change and create opportunities to enable blind and partially sighted people to have equal voice and equal choice and to live a full and valuable life.
- Action provides visually impaired people with opportunities through employment, housing, leisure and information and support.
- If abbreviating "Action for Blind People", please use "Action" rather than AFBP or ABP.