

# Learner of The Month 2012

**January**  
*David Van Schie*



David is a foster carer with Tact Foster Care and was registered for the Diploma in Children and Young Peoples Services Level 3. He worked hard to meet targets completing his qualification in under 7 months. He demonstrated high levels of skills and knowledge in supporting children in transition to adoption. His practice was underpinned with strong value and knowledge base.



**February**  
*Karen Sills*

Karen works for Crossroads Care in Cheshire and is doing her Level 2 Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care. Since June 2011 she has worked hard to achieve her PWCS, both Key Skills and has substantial work towards her Diploma. She is on target to complete early in April and wishes to develop herself further and is ready to take on an Advanced Apprenticeship at Level 3.

**March**  
*Debra Browne*



Debra works for Mother Redcaps a residential home for older people. She started her Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3 Health & Social Care in January 2011. Debra lacked confidence in her ability to undertake and apprenticeship especially written work and tests. She overcame a lot of personal barriers to learning during the course of her programme and developed new learning and coping strategies. She has now completed and has had a great boost to her confidence.

# April

## *Liam Hathaway*

Liam works for Nable Services delivering personal assistance to young adults. He has particular skills in dealing with service users with disability due to brain injuries. Liam started his Intermediate Apprenticeship at Level 2 in Health & Social Care in November 2011. He has shown commitment to his programme and has exceeded the targets he has been set. In 3 months he has completed the PWCS, Key Skills assignment and tests in Literacy and Numeracy.



# May

## *Lindsey Bennett & David Wrench*

Lindsey and David are both employed at Audlem Country Nursing Home. Both started their Level 2 Health & Social Care Apprenticeship in July 2011 and completed in May 2012. During their programme they showed commitment to developing themselves and worked hard to meet targets set. David has gained promotion and has now moved on to do his Level 3 Health & Social Care.

# June

## *Eileen Morgan*

Eileen works for Arena Housing in a supported living scheme. She is 69 years old and school was a very distant memory— she left school 55 years ago at age 14. Eileen was very anxious about starting her level 3 Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care— key skills Maths and English at level 2 were a real challenge. Eileen`s whole family got involved in supporting her to develop new skills— car journeys with the grandchildren shouting out numeracy problems for her to solve.



# July

## *Tracy Addis*

Tracy had just gained promotion to Deputy Manager at Community Care Matters. She was new in post and needed to develop her knowledge and skills as a manager. She started her Health & Social Care Level 5 and used it as a base to extend her practice and build her confidence. Tracy was committed to research to expand her knowledge and understanding and used reflective practice to improve her managerial skills.



# August

## *Westwood Lodge*

Westwood Lodge is a Meridian Care Home supporting the elderly. There were four learners who have worked on their apprenticeship awards, at both Level 2 and level 3. They were- Kelly Catterall, Alison Myers, Julie Guest and Amy Littler. All four showed enthusiasm and commitment to achieve their awards, with the last one finishing in July 2012.

# September

## *Hilda Lindley*

Hilda is a mature learner employed as a carer with Community Care Matters. She left school at an early age to care for her siblings and family. Hilda had been out of formal education for over 40 years. She started her Health & Social Care Diploma in July 2011 and was delighted to achieve her first ever qualification in May 2012. The qualification has boosted Hilda's confidence and she is now considering going to college to develop her English and Maths skills.



# October

*Lisa Corrie*

Lisa works for Victoria Care supporting service users in their own homes. She started her Level 2 Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care in January 2012 and completed in October 2012. She was new to care and had been out of the workforce for a long time raising her children. Lisa was eager to learn and actively engaged in research to improve her skills and knowledge.



# November

*Anna Jameson*

Anna works for Able Support providing a service to clients in their own homes. She formally lived in Spain and worked in a bar– this was her first job in care. Anna started her Level 3 Apprenticeship in March 2012 and has just completed both Key Skills and the PWCS. She is on target to complete her full apprenticeship in December 2012. Throughout the programme Anna has shown a commitment to developing her skills and knowledge and her practice demonstrates a strong value base.

# December

*Ann Rogers*

Ann works for Tattenhall Local Care as a care worker providing a service to clients in their own homes. This was her first role in care and she was very anxious about starting her qualification. She was on the Diploma in Health & Social Care Level 2 and worked hard to complete on time. She has used the programme to develop her knowledge of care work and the conditions affecting her service users. She feels a lot more confident in her role and is enjoying her new career in care.