

# Learner of The Month 2013

**January**  
*Sue Wellings*



Sue works for Hollies Care Home in Fairfield, Liverpool. Sue works as a child care support worker and this was her first post in children`s services. She started her level 3 apprenticeship in February 2012 and completed within a year. Sue went the extra mile in doing her qualifications even coming into to meet with her assessor on her day off. She never missed an appointment and always arrived with work completed. She actively engaged in her learning researching to develop her knowledge and skills.



**February**  
*Paul Gerrard*

Paul works for Home Instead Northwich. This was his first job in care, he took up post in November 2011. He started his Apprenticeship Level 2 Health & Social Care in June 2012 and completed in February 2013. Throughout his programme Paul showed commitment to developing his knowledge by researching new topics, in particular infection control and moving and handling. He was a model learner. He submitted work on time and was motivated to go the extra mile. His key skills scores were near perfect, scoring 98%.

**March**  
*Susan Yates*



Susan works for Tabley Nursing Home in Cheshire. Along with her full time job she is also a carer for her elderly parents. She is a senior carer working night shifts on a specialist dementia unit. Susan completed her Advanced Apprenticeship in Social Care on the Dementia Pathway. Susan showed great commitment to her qualifications using these to develop her skills in English and Maths as well as dementia care. She researched topics and shadowed nurses to increase her understanding and skills.

# April

## *Lydia Bell*

Lydia was an 18 year old college leaver in her first post in care. She works for Intercare as a community based care worker. Lydia was an enthusiastic learner keen to develop and apply new knowledge. She reflected on her experiences and used this to improve her practice. Lydia has excellent communication skills and a very person centred approach to her work. She is looking forward to building a career in the sector.



# May

## *Diane Ryles*

Diane works as a domiciliary carer for Bluebird Care in Crewe. This is her first job in care and on completing her induction she started her Health & Social Care Intermediate Apprenticeship. Diane had been her husband's primary carer until he died of MS. In her role Diane has shown compassion and courage overcoming her fears to support others in similar circumstances. She has completed her qualification on time and throughout the programme demonstrated hard work and commitment.

# June

## *Jade Bayley*

Jade works as a carer for Sutton Oaks Nursing Home in Cheshire. She achieved her Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care in November 2011. Jade took on extra responsibilities in her role and progressed on to the advanced apprenticeship in July 2012. Jade wanted to improve her understanding of dementia and chose the dementia pathway for her level 3. She researched dementia to understand the impact on her service user group and to reflect and improve on her practice.

# July

## *Sam Barlow*



Sam works for Tattenhall Local Care. She had no prior qualifications as she had serious health problems as a child and had been out of mainstream education since the age of 14 years. Sam had a real sense of achievement when she completed her intermediate apprenticeship and was eager to move on to an advanced apprenticeship. She worked hard to meet targets and take on new challenges. She is to manage a new service being developed by the company and has started the Higher Apprenticeship in Care Leadership and Management.



# August

## *Olanrewaju Shorinwa*

Olanrewaju works for Leonard Cheshire at Oakwood. He works on the ABI unit on night shifts. He completed his Intermediate Apprenticeship in July 2013, he had a spikey profile as he completed maths and English at level 2. Olanrewaju has taken on responsibilities in his role to further his own development, he is currently a shift leader and wants to be a senior carer. Olanrewaju has now started his advanced apprenticeship.

# September

## *Sue Brown*

Sue works for TLCare at Woodlands Residential Home. Sue is a care assistant in a home for older people. This was her first qualification since leaving school nearly 40 years ago. She demonstrated commitment to developing her practice and used meetings with the assessor to reflect on and identify new ways of working.



# October

## *Paula Green*



Paula is employed as a carer at Home Instead Senior Care, Southport. This was Paula's first job in care after returning to employment after raising her children. Paula has consistently worked to targets set, producing work on time and to a high standard. She has developed confidence in her role and is looking forward to her future career in social care. Paula is set to achieve her Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care this month.



# November

## *Gillian Lloyd*

Gillian Lloyd works as an activity co-ordinator for Summerfield Residential and EMI Care Home. This was her first role in care and her first qualification. Gillian developed her role to take on personal care responsibilities. She has researched to develop her knowledge and understanding of the needs of service users, particularly her knowledge of dementia. Gillian has worked alongside other care staff to enhance her skills and is more confident in her role. She has now completed her Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care.

# December

## *Wendy Entwistle*



Wendy is the assistant manager at Oakwood, Leonard Cheshire, a specialist rehabilitation facility for people with acquired brain injury. Wendy had completed her Advanced Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care in May 2012. She gained promotion to the assistant manager role on a part time basis. She started her Higher Apprenticeship in Care Leadership & Management. Wendy is focussed on developing her skills and knowledge. She undertakes research to enhance her understanding and has shown drive and commitment throughout her programme.