

No regrets, just rewards for Alan

Lancashire nurse Alan Bates originally wanted to become a teacher, until a temping job as an auxiliary gave him a taste of the nursing profession and prompted him to change career.

Now a qualified Mental Health Nurse, Alan is celebrating his success in winning one of the Lancashire Priory Nursing Awards, presented every year to mental health nursing students at the University of Central Lancashire.

Alan is currently working on the male acute admissions ward in Blackpool Victoria Hospital and married to Karen, a Community Learning Difficulties Nurse in Kirkham.

Alan's award, a certificate and a cheque for £250, was sponsored by the Lancashire Priory Hospital, part of the Priory Healthcare Group, the leading provider of private acute mental healthcare in the UK.

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