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Nurse is prize student

South Tyneside nurse Lisa Milne is celebrating being awarded the prize from the Queen's Nursing Institute for the top performing student in the district nursing programme at Northumbria University.

Every university in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is invited to nominate a district nurse student, who has demonstrated the most outstanding achievement on their programme, to receive a prize of £50 and a certificate from the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI). Recipients are encouraged to develop future links with the QNI and take advantage of the range of support the charity offers to community nurses throughout their careers. The educational prize was created in memory of Mr Philip Goodeve-Docker.

Miss Milne, of Jarrow, who has been a nurse for 17 years, said: "I'm overwhelmed at this honour. It was tough juggling an intensive course with looking after my eight-year-old daughter but I thoroughly enjoyed it and I want to do more qualifications in the future so I can offer my patients a truly holistic service."

Miss Milne worked in A&E, the high dependency unit, medical admissions and surgery at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead before becoming a prison nurse. She then joined South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's substance misuse team. While working for the Trust, she applied for a district nurse training secondment and last September she embarked upon the BSc (Hons) Practice Development (Community) Specialist Practitioner in District Nursing programme, for which she was awarded a first class degree.

She is now part of the Hebburn integrated community team, which is made up of district nurses and community matrons from the Trust, and South Tyneside Council social workers and occupational therapists. The team was established to make it easier for people to access the care and support they need and enable more of them to stay in their own home. A social navigator, employed by a local voluntary sector organisation, works with the team to help people access wider support available in the community.

Miss Milne, who is mum to Neve, said: "I am loving using my nursing skills to work so closely with patients and their families. It is fantastic to be part of the integrated team and, by working together, we ensure that the patient see the right person for their needs in their home at the right time."

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Pictured above: Lisa Milne



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