

HELPING PEOPLE BOUNCE BACK

A North East Chartered Accountant saw his career take off in many parts of the UK, Europe and the Far East. But when his contractor's position with a major government research agency came to an end he found it difficult to get another position on the south coast. Mr R told us;

"Bills were mounting and the worry and stress was having an effect. My wife and I decided to move to her native South Wales. I was initially involved in a major construction project but when that came to an end things again became difficult.

Then a tragedy occurred and we lost our daughter-in-law at a young age leaving three children whose father was frequently out of the country. My wife immediately went to London to help look after our grandchildren. Our house in Wales was sold and I moved in with my eldest son, near London. The period of separation from my wife put a severe strain on our relationship and I wondered if we would ever get back together.



At possibly the lowest point in my life, I spotted the CABA page in Accountancy magazine.

I decided there was nothing to lose and contacted them - what a surprise I got. I was assigned a Case Worker who visited me at home the following week. After presenting my case, an annual donation was awarded (paid directly into my bank account each quarter). I was able to use my allocated holiday grant to visit my family. Not only did I get to see my new grandchild shortly after she was born but I also attended her christening and, thanks to CABA I could attend with dignity - that cannot be replaced.

A few weeks later my Case Worker phoned and said that whilst my CV was good it could be expanded to a wider audience. I met with CABA's career consultant and we discussed my experience both within the finance sector and other areas. He pointed out my considerable general management skills, which were not really highlighted in my CV, and suggested a few changes.

My marriage was over and I had a very lonely existence. Armed with my new CV and renewed confidence I was desperate to move back home – I was confident that if I did, a successful career in the North East would be achieved. But how was I going to do this? Even on modest premises I could not afford the upfront payment on modest premises let alone the removal costs. CABA agreed to help.

The higher you are, the harder you fall when things go wrong - CABA can offer you a safety net until things improve. There is no stigma in seeking help from CABA - they have saved and successfully changed so many lives for the better. Whatever the problem, don't hesitate to give them a call. Great with hindsight, but if I had contacted CABA many years ago, I know my life would have changed for the better far sooner. Thanks to CABA, I am home and am looking forward with confidence to a more positive and successful time - which can only result in a happier and more fulfilling life".

Mr R FCA