

Vocational Training Services Case Study



John Peachey Health and Social Care

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When John was made redundant from his job with a large banking company he took the opportunity to retrain towards a career as a carer, and with help and support from VTS achieved an NVQ level 3 in Health and Social Care (Children and Young People)

John had been working in banking for 19 years and at the age of 41 found himself redundant. He decided to become a house husband to look after his three children and enjoyed it so much that he applied for a job as a carer, working initially with children and young people with varying learning and care needs.

This led to an opportunity for work based learning through Vocational Training Services. John’s commitment meant that he completed his level 3 qualification in record time, and he says he’s never been happier at work, which now involves mainly working with adults.

“I knew that I didn’t want to go back into banking” he said. “I wanted to work locally to avoid the commute and do something worthwhile. I’ve proved that you’re never too old to learn and I’m really proud of what I’ve achieved” he added.

John’s success is also proving inspirational to another member of his family. His daughter, Kim, 21, is so impressed that she has started the same course to gain the same qualification.

Elizabeth Buxton, VTS’S Operations Manager, said “It was a pleasure to work with John and to help him back into a career. It’s never easy to retrain in a completely different vocational area after redundancy, but John was very focused, committed and extremely well organised. It’s great that he’s really happy at work now and I’m sure he will continue to do well.”



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