

PET-Xi CASE STUDY

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Ashley's journey is a testament to the power of resilience, determination, and the right support. After serving time in prison he was released with nothing, no home, no bank account, no ID, and no clear path forward.

The odds were stacked against him, but he refused to give up. With the support of PET-Xi Training and the Restart Programme, Ashley began the long road to rebuilding his life. The first step was regaining the basic necessities, necessities that we all take for granted.

PET-Xi's Restart team helped him open a bank account, giving him access to financial stability for the first time. Plus, they also assisted him in obtaining a passport, an essential step toward securing housing and employment.

Tom Callnon - Restart Team Leader said: "With these foundations in place we explored career opportunities together. Ashley worked tirelessly to gain new skills, and through his dedication, he successfully earned his Forklift Truck (FLT) license, opening doors in the logistics and warehousing industry.

"The biggest breakthrough came when we secured Ashley his first home. Having a stable place to live provided him with the foundation to focus on his future with confidence. No longer worrying about where he would sleep, Ashley could finally shift his attention to building a career.



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“Now, he is taking the final step toward full independence and is applying for warehouse FLT positions.

“PET-Xi is the best provider I have been with, if it wasn’t for Restart, I would probably be back in jail.”

Ashley’s story is one of unwavering strength in the face of unimaginable adversity. Having spent much of his life in care, in and out of prison, and experiencing the devastating loss of his father at a young age, followed by the recent passing of his mother he never imagined he would be where he is today. But through the Restart Scheme, he has achieved more than he ever thought possible!

“I want to thank everyone at PET-Xi Restart for their support, but most importantly, I want to thank my Employment Coach, Anup, who has constantly helped, pushed, and encouraged me. Without this support, I would not have been able to achieve everything I have. From helping me get a passport to guiding me through my tenancy agreement, Anup has been there every step of the way. She, along with the entire Restart team, has truly helped me turn my life around, and I am incredibly grateful, I simply cannot thank them enough.”

Ashley’s Employment Coach, Anup, added: “I do believe that Ashley’s journey proves that a person’s past does not have to define their future. His story serves as a powerful reminder that change is always possible, no matter the challenges. I hope his experience inspires anyone facing hardship, showing that with perseverance and the right support, a fresh start is within reach.

“Ashley’s story isn’t just about overcoming obstacles, it’s about reclaiming a future that once seemed out of reach....and for Ashley, this is just the beginning!”

Together we work as one

Ashley’s programme was Department for Work & Pensions Funded as part of The Restart Scheme which is part of the Government’s Plan for Jobs which aims to help one million people in England and Wales back into employment. Jobs 22 was chosen to run Restart Scheme across East Central England; an area which includes Bedfordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, North Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Staffordshire & Warwickshire.

To find out more about The Restart Scheme or any of PET-X’s funded programmes
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