

# INDEPENDENT

Two years ago, Michael Bright was sentenced to seven years in prison for his part in the collapse of Independent Insurance back in 2001. Ex-Indy staff have since cropped up at every major insurer and broker in the UK. In the first of a monthly series, we ask: where are they now?



**DENISE DULSON**  
**COMMERCIAL INSURANCE OPERATIONS MANAGER**  
 Head of a strategic credit card partnership at Bank of America

**GLYNN BYRNE**  
**UK TECHNICAL SURVEY MANAGER**  
 Set up AGB Risk Control Services with Andrew Burke

**STEVE BURTON**  
**GROUP IT MANAGER**  
 Founder and Director of Evolution Underwriting. Chief executive of Evolution Underwriting Services Ltd

**ANDY DAWSON**  
**REGIONAL UNDERWRITER**  
 Chief operating officer at L&G and now founder and managing director of Cordoba Solutions (business process consultancy)

**CHRIS HOBBS**  
**NATIONAL SALES MANAGER**  
 Managing director of Specialty Risk Solutions (trading under WT Butler & Co umbrella)

**GILL FLETCHER**  
**REGIONAL HR ADVISER**  
 Human resources director at Merlin Professional Claims

**JULIE LEVERENTZ**  
**SENIOR HR ADVISER**  
 Head of human capital at Chaucer Syndicates

**DAVE PARRY**  
**DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**  
 General manager of SME Europe team at AIG, based in Paris

**KEN LAPPIN**  
**SENIOR PERSONAL LINES UNDERWRITING MANAGER**  
 Compliance manager at Bollington

**PATRICIA CLARKSON**  
**GROUP CLAIMS MANAGER**  
 Director in business recovery services team, PricewaterhouseCoopers

**NEIL WILLIAMS**  
**ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**  
 Sales and development manager for Insurance Compliance Services and HR Experts (set up by Alan Clarke)

**STEVE WILLIAMS**  
**REGIONAL MANAGER**  
 Was at Fusion, now founder and managing director of Walk the Walk Solutions

**GRAEME SUTTON**  
**MARKETING MANAGER**  
 Sales and marketing director at M4 Underwriting

**PAUL HANDLEIGH**  
**SALES MANAGER**  
 Marketing director of Lockton

**PHIL CONDON**  
**FOUNDER AND DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR**  
 Released from prison (sentenced to three years in October 2007). Not working in insurance

**KEVIN PALLETT**  
**ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**  
 Set up Fusion Insurance Services in 2000 with Geoff Crisp, sold to Towergate in 2005. Left Fusion in 2008, now exploring new opportunities with Crisp

**MARK HARRIS**  
**UNDERWRITING MANAGER**  
 Head of strategic broker accounts at Towergate



**JOHN BLAKEMORE**  
**COMPANY SECRETARY**  
 Director at John Holman & Sons, Lloyd's broker

**GEOFF CRISP**  
**ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**  
 Set up Fusion Insurance Services in 2000 with Kevin Pallett, sold to Towergate in 2005. Left Fusion in 2008, now exploring new opportunities with Pallett

**STEVE HINBEST**  
**REGIONAL MANAGER**  
 Head of product development at Towergate

**MARK BLAIR**  
**SALES MANAGER**  
 Director at Towergate Coverex

**DENNIS LOMAS**  
**FINANCE DIRECTOR**  
 Still in prison (sentenced to four years in October 2007)

**STUART PETTET**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
 Now retired, was director of Fusion

**MICHAEL GAUGHAN**  
**HEAD OF IRELAND BUSINESS**  
 Founder and managing director of FWD

**MICHAEL BRIGHT**  
**FOUNDER AND MD**  
 Sentenced to seven years in prison Oct 2007

**PETER HADDEN**  
**GENERAL MANAGER OF UK REGIONS**  
 Founded own headhunting firm Hadden Associates

**MARTIN HUGHES**  
**SCHEMES UNDERWRITING MANAGER**  
 Managing director of Towergate, London market

**ANDY HAWKES**  
**DIRECTOR OF E-COMMERCE AND MARKETING**  
 Set up Evolution in 2004, joined THB Group and is now chief executive of THB UK and Cardinus Risk Management

**ROB WAKELAM**  
**REGIONAL MANAGER**  
 Regional Manager at London Underwriting, Fusion

**DAVID PARTINGTON**  
**SALES MANAGER**  
 Head of broking and sales at Towergate

**DAVID GREAVES**  
**SCHEMES MANAGER**  
 Director of deals and small business at RSA

**STEVE COATES**  
**UK FIRE AND ACCIDENT MANAGER**  
 Head of property and casualty at Allianz Commercial

**BARRY YEATMAN**  
**REGIONAL UNDERWRITER - BRISTOL**  
 Senior development underwriter for Zurich - Bristol

**DAVE EVANS**  
**HR MANAGER**  
 Head of human resources for EDF

**IAN PAGE**  
**REGIONAL UNDERWRITER - EAST GRINSTEAD**  
 Commercial underwriting manager at MMA

**JAMES SIMPSON**  
**LONDON MARKET MARKETING MANAGER**  
 Head of marketing services at FWD

**AARON DEVITT**  
**REGIONAL SALES MANAGER**  
 Director of sales and strategic relationships at RSA

**JANET TOOMBS**  
**PROJECT MANAGER**  
 General manager at Broker Direct

**MONIQUE ALDER**  
**FINANCE MANAGER, INDEPENDENT INSURANCE FRANCE**  
 Head of delegated underwriting at Brit

**NICK MORRALL**  
**RISK AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER AT PCS (LOSS ADJUSTING ARM, SOLD TO RSA)**  
 Founded Kingsdowne Consulting (health and safety consultancy), now managing director

**BRIAN GARNER**  
**REGIONAL ADMIN MANAGER**  
 Operations manager at Fusion

**ALASDAIR STEWART**  
**COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**  
 Recently made head of corporate development at the Chartered Insurance Institute

**ANDREW BURKE**  
**UK SURVEY OPERATIONS MANAGER**  
 Set up AGB Risk Control Services with Glynn Byrne

**GEOFF ROSS**  
**REGIONAL UNDERWRITER - GLASGOW**  
 Managing director of Giant Insurance in Glasgow