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Section 12 – Self Employment

This Section pertains to referrals to Work Choice made **prior** to the current contracts' extension period in England and Wales which commenced in April 2017, and to referrals in Scotland up to 31st March 2017.

For guidance pertaining to all referrals to Work Choice in England and Wales made **during** the current extension period, specifically referrals from 25th April 2017 for contracts originally awarded in 2010, and from 7th April 2017 for Remploy, please see "Work Choice Provider Guidance: Post-April 2017" version which will be found on GOV.UK : <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dwp-provider-guidance>

12.1. This Section covers:

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- 12.2. In some cases the most suitable and effective type of employment for a Work Choice participant might be self employment. In circumstances where this is the case you are expected to support the participant in realising this goal.
- 12.3. You are required to identify suitable sources of help and advice which the participant can access in order to receive appropriate additional support to enter and sustain self employment. These sources may be available nationwide or may be local initiatives.
- 12.4. Some examples of the support that may be given or arranged by yourselves as the Work Choice provider include:
- help to produce a business plan and undertake market research;
 - self employment vocational profiling;
 - benefit advice, including tax credit, self employment test trading rules and regulations;
 - accessing solutions;
 - identifying training needs (i.e. accessing business courses);
 - sign-posting to help and advice services;
 - accessing funding where possible;
 - ongoing mentoring and support;
 - networking opportunities; and/or
 - helping with the mechanics of setting the person up in business.

This list is not exhaustive.

12.5. All activity must be recorded on the participant's Development Plan.

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