

Department for Work and Pensions

Work Choice Live Running Memo

To: Work Choice Providers **From:** Work Programmes Division

Memo Serial Number: LR16 **Date:** 16 November 2012

Subject: Work Choice and Remploy Redundancies: First Shot

Action: For information and action

Timing: With immediate effect

1. The Employers' Forum on Disability (EFD) has agreed to create the First Shot initiative which will offer targeted job opportunities for those disabled employees affected by the transformation of Remploy from Government control. EFD has commissioned Remploy to implement and deliver First Shot; and Remploy is currently working with EFD members in each affected area.
2. In mid-November, EFD and Remploy made the first opportunities available. The timing of other opportunities cannot be guaranteed, as timings will depend on EFD employer business needs.
3. Remploy will use their Affinity services system to manage and control First Shot; and will be setting up system access for Work Choice and Work Programme prime providers. This access will be given to one co-ordinator per prime provider per contract package area. Your co-ordinator should make appropriate arrangements to share the opportunities with any sub-contractors, and for the submission of suitable candidates, using the Affinity system.
4. Remploy will be contacting your co-ordinator direct to set them up on Affinity and arrange an overview of how to use the system and make submissions to vacancies. Once your co-ordinator has system access they will be sent a notification to check Affinity when a First Shot opportunity arises in your contract package area.
5. Most of you have now submitted access requests for your co-ordinator. If you have not yet submitted your request for access please contact xxxxx as soon as possible.
6. If you need further information or have any queries regarding this memo, please email our queries inbox for disability programmes at: specialist.disabilityprogrammequeries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk