Key Figures For Workprep Programme

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Background

The Workprep programme has now ceased to operate. The previous group of disability employment programmes, Workprep, WORKSTEP, and the Job Introduction Scheme have been replaced by a single programme, Work Choice, which was launched on 25th October 2010. Work Choice will sit alongside the Work Programme, to be introduced in 2011, providing more intensive support for disabled people with more complex barriers to finding and staying in employment.

Work Preparation was a flexible, individually-tailored programme that could help prepare for the return to work.

Work Preparation could help to:

- identify the type of work most suitable for an individual
- gain work experience in a work environment
- learn new skills or update old ones
- build confidence

The programme did not last for a specific length of time. Most people who took part used it for between six and thirteen weeks. Programmes were normally available locally, either at the premises of a programme provider or a local workplace. Sometimes Work Preparation could be held at a residential centre.

At the end of a programme, the provider completed a final report and gave a copy to the participant and to their Disability Employment Adviser (DEA). They then had an appointment with their DEA so that they could discuss the report. The two agreed an action plan for the future, which may have included looking for work, training or further education.

Results

Table 1: Workprep Programme starts

1,610	6,900	67,060
1 st April 2010 – 30 th June 2010	09/10	since 2001

The number of starts to Workprep within specified period. Some individuals may be counted more than once.

Table 2: Number of individuals received support from Workprep during specified period

2,380	7,300	58,530
1 st April 2010 – 30 th June 2010	09/10	since 2001

The number of individuals who have been on Workprep Programme for at least one day during specified period. An individual can be counted only once. Figures calculated under assumption that duration of Workprep programme for each individual is 6 weeks.

The source of all information presented in the report is Jobcentre Plus Labour Market System (LMS).

All figures are subject to small changes when compared with earlier version of the databases.

All figures are rounded to the nearest ten.

Tables show key figures for Workprep Programme up to and including June 2010 data¹. There are three different time periods for which key figures were calculated: the current financial year period (1st April 10 – 30th June 10, 3 months), the previous financial year (1st April 09 – 31st March 10, 12 months) and a longer period looking at the to-date cumulative totals from April 2001 (1st April 01 – 30th June 10, 9 years and 3 months). Comparison of figures should be made with caution as all time periods have got different length.

¹ Data is available to September 2010 but analysis shows that a delay of three months is required before the data is complete.

Note also that some figures are for individuals (each individual was counted only once) and some figures are for spells on the programme (some individuals may be counted more than once). This is clearly indicated in tables' footnotes.

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Chart 1: Workprep starts - 3 month rolling average

Source: Jobcentre Plus Labour Market System (LMS), September 10

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