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Work Choice Live Running Memo 59

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Subject: Protected Places in Work Choice Supported Businesses – supplementary procedural guidance

Action: For Information

Timing: Immediate

Information

Work Choice Live Running Memo 57 set out a summary of current provider guidance in respect of filling vacant Protected Places in Work Choice Supported Businesses.

LRM57 reminded providers that, whilst Supported Businesses can recruit their employees from sources other than the Work Choice programme, DWP Protected Places funding is payable only for participants who have joined Work Choice.

As stated, this means that suitable Work Choice participants may be recruited from any contracted provider delivering the Work Choice programme in that Contract Package Area (including Remploy Ltd, if present).

This clarification, together with LRM57, has been set out principally to ensure that Prime Providers and Supported Businesses understand how vacant Protected

Places may be filled in the run up to the end of Protected Place funding, as new Work Choice referrals end, and the Work Choice programme draws to a close. Any Short or Sustained Job Outcomes in respect of participants described in this LRM will be claimed by the “owning” provider as detailed below.

Action

To note the following:

Monthly payments in respect of each allocated Protected Place will continue to be made to the Supported Business in the usual way i.e. via the Prime Provider (Primes) with whom they have a direct sub-contractual arrangement or memorandum of understanding.

As normal, the Prime will continue to monitor the Supported Business and ensure the service provided to all Work Choice participants is in line with the quality and customer service expectations of the main contract.

If, however, the participant has joined another Work Choice provider’s Work Choice programme (via PRaP) that provider (the “owning” provider) will remain responsible for supplying any support required by their Work Choice participant which would not otherwise be provided by the Supported Business for their Protected Place employees.

For those participants whose progression option is to leave the Supported Business in order to enter unsupported employment, the provider who “owns” the participant must work closely with the Supported Business and make available all necessary resources to assist them and the participant. The “owning” provider is responsible for providing/sourcing job search support, if the participant wishes it.

Naturally, some level of cordial cooperation between providers may be required – please involve your performance manager in any significant discussions, and ensure the participant’s Development Plan is updated as required.

Supported Businesses should advertise their Protected Place vacancies in the normal way – which will include informing their Prime as soon as a vacancy is anticipated. To ensure the Supported Business can reach every Work Choice participant with the potential to fill their vacancy, the Prime should routinely pass details of these vacancies to any other Work Choice provider in that CPA.

Please note: in Scotland, Remploy Ltd have nominated one contact for Supported Business vacancies. Please forward vacancy notifications to: Louise Craig
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Further Information and Contact Details

If you have any queries about this Live Running Memo please consult your performance manager in the first instance, or contact the Work Choice Policy Team via: disabilityemploymentprovisionpolicy.enquiries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk