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Subject: Wheels to Work Scheme

Action: For information and action

Timing: Immediate

Background

It has long been established that people living in remote or rural areas are disadvantaged when seeking employment due to the lack of available transport. To help address this there is a scheme entitled "Wheels to Work."

Wheels to Work (W2W), is designed to provide transport solutions for those who experience barriers to education, training and employment because of inadequate public or private transport.

Summary and action

Wheels to Work is a scheme that you may choose to use to help a participant in to work.

It can include loans of mopeds, scooters or bicycles as well as travel planning, advice or subsidised travel tickets.

The scheme provides compulsory basic training for the use of mopeds or scooters, insurance, Vehicle Excise Duty, and maintenance of the vehicle. Clients can also receive protective equipment (helmets, gloves and jackets) although in some cases these costs have to be borne by the client.

Referring to the scheme

If you choose to refer a participant to the W2W scheme you should contact your local W2W organisation to refer participants to, who will assess them for suitability to take part in the W2W programme.

You should be aware that you will be expected to provide enough funding to enable participants to get on to the scheme and guarantee consistent transport till they receive their first salary payment.

A contribution of approximately £20 per week is required from the client and if you choose to use the scheme you will be expected to pay this on the participant's behalf. It is anticipated that a participant may need to use the scheme for approximately 6 months until they have obtained their own vehicle.

A full list of W2W providers can be found on the Wheels to Work Association website. <http://www.wheels2workassociation.org/locations.php>

Further information contact details

All enquiries on the subject of this memo should be raised with your Performance Manager in the first instance; they will endeavour to provide you with an answer as soon as possible.

Regards

Change Programmes Planning Division Enquiries Team