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Work Programme Live Running Memo

To: Work Programme Providers (covering Leicestershire and Northants, West London, South Yorkshire and Black Country)

From: Work Programmes Division

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Date: 8 January 2014

Subject: Reduced Signing trial for Work Programme participants

Action: For information

Timing: Immediate

Background

Reduced signing trials have been running in four Jobcentre Plus districts since February 2013 (suspended signing in Leicestershire and Northants and West London; four weekly signing in South Yorkshire and Black Country). Recruitment of new participants to the trials have concluded.

These trials have been conducted to provide Ministers evidence on the impact of alternative signing arrangements for Work Programme participants.

DWP have carried out analysis of benefit and employment outcomes for trial participants, comparing outcomes with Work Participants under the usual FJR regime.

Sufficient data has been collected from the suspended signing trials and we have therefore decided to close these trials. All suspended signing participants will be returned to FJR during January and February 2014.

The four weekly signing trials will continue and are likely to do so until April 2014 in order to collect further data for analysis.

Summary and action

The suspended signing trials will be closed with immediate effect. Trial participants on suspended signing will be returned to fortnightly signing during January and February 2014.

The four weekly signing trials will continue in order to provide further data. These trials are likely to continue until April 2014.

The closure of the suspended signing trial should have no impact on your current processes or practices.

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

Work Programme Provision Enquiries Team