

Somerset Connect to Work Programme

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Programme

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Connect to Work Overview

- Announced as part of the Get Britain Working white paper in November 2024
- Designed to help people with long-term health conditions, disabilities and complex barriers into, or stay in, work
- Voluntary programme aimed at those who are economically inactive and harder to reach
- Delivery against fidelity models – Individual Placement Support (IPS) and Supported Employment Qualification Framework (SEQF)

In Somerset

- Somerset Council is the lead authority and delivery is based on our administrative boundary
- Our target is to support 700 individuals per annum at peak of delivery
- Currently starting work on preparing our delivery plan (3 year plan)
- Aim to be operational from autumn 2025
- Delivery may run through to 2030 (subject to annual spending reviews)

Objectives for today's session

1. Technical session focusing on the two delivery models:
 - Individual Placement Support (IPS)
 - Supported Employment Qualification Framework (SEQF)
2. Need to understand capacity and capability across Somerset to deliver the programme – a questionnaire will follow for local stakeholders

Next Steps

- More events to follow ahead of formal procurement and market engagement
- Next event, face-to-face - **19 February 2025** – will cover the programme and Somerset's intentions in more detail
- Starting work on development of Somerset's delivery plan for submission in March/April
- Questionnaire will be circulated to stakeholders to gain insights into capacity and capability across local partners to deliver - responses will not impact on future procurement processes – please be honest in your answers so we can effectively prepare
- Subject to current capability we will explore a training programme to ensure local delivery partners have the right skills to support delivery