

Spending Review & Autumn Statement - Nov 2015

Welfare and Skills



New Work and Health Programme replaces existing Work Programme and Work Choice, providing support for those with health conditions, disabilities & long-term unemployed



£115m for the joint Work and Health Unit



£40m for a health and work innovation fund, to pilot new ways to join up health and employment systems



Devolution boost – a number of city regions to co-design support for hard-to-help claimants

“Bringing together health, work and local government”

Analysis

“The emphasis has now been squarely placed on specialist support through joined up services. The Health and Work Unit is an indicator that the Government is viewing health problems and employment as parts of a single continuum. In line with recent devolution deals, combined authorities will increasingly play an important role in the design of joined-up services to deliver employment support schemes. However, questions remain over the exact size of the local programmes and on the capabilities of local authorities to manage these potentially complex projects”.

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