

Valuing Employment Now

Information about supported employment



An easy read guide

What is supported employment?

Supported employment is about helping people with a learning disability to

- get and keep a job
- choose what jobs they want to do
- learn new skills



Support is also there for people who want to work for themselves. This is called being **self-employed**.

What the Government thinks

The Government is the group of people who make decisions about how the country is run.

The Government believe that people with a learning disability can do the same jobs and earn the same money as anyone else.

The Government thinks that these jobs should be at least 16 hours a week.

They have made a plan called **Valuing Employment Now**.

Valuing Employment Now is about how to help people with learning disabilities to get real jobs.

Valuing Employment Now will help employers to understand that it is good to have different groups of people in the work place.

Employers are the people who pay you for doing your job.



Who provides supported employment?



You should be able to get supported employment from the age of 14. The support can be provided by

- Schools
- Family carers
- Jobcentres



College

Further education providers

- further education providers are centres such as colleges



Day Centre

Day services

- day services help people with a learning disability get help and support with everyday activities away from their own homes



Community supports

- community supports are groups of people who work together to help people with problems



Connexions

- Connexions are centres for young people that can offer you all the information and advice you need to make the decisions and choices in your working life



Welfare-to-Work providers

- Welfare to Work can support people to get back into work by helping them to deal with problems that have stopped them from working.

How will the supported employment service help you?

Supported employment works by



- getting to know you
- deciding how best to help you
- supporting you to find the right job
- supporting you while you are working in your job
- helping you to improve your job skills
- looking at how you can improve your chances of getting a better job in the future

What happens next?

The Government would like to be clear about what supported employment is. To do this they will be talking to



- disabled people
- family carers
- people who help others to find a job
- employers

The Government would like to make sure that more people with learning disabilities get good supported employment.

The Government will see if they can develop new training for Job Coaches.



The training would help Job Coaches to understand more about how to support people with a learning disability.