

The Institute of Employability Professionals (IEP) is pleased to submit the attached report in response to the Unit's current consultation on the Work, Health and Disability Green Paper. The IEP is dedicated to supporting the people who support others to gain work, progress in work and retain work and, through our Members and affiliated organisations, we currently provide that professional support to well over 5,000 employability personnel. These personnel operate in numerous sectors including welfare to work, local government, education and housing. They have direct experience of the very real connections between work, health and disability, housing, families and local communities. The IEP prides itself on being an independent body that does not represent any specific commercial or political interests. We are focused solely on the interests of individuals who have chosen, through their careers, to commit to helping those who face barriers to accessing work.

It is against that background that we submit a report that gives a group of people who have made exactly that commitment a chance to speak directly to the Work and Health Unit about their individual views. The IEP is grateful to one of our longest standing affiliated organisations, Working Links, for their support ensuring front line advisor views are represented. We hope what they told us will be a valuable contribution to the consultation.

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