

Mental Health, Disability and Employment

WorkDirections UK

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Content of presentation

Who is WorkDirections UK and what is their Experience in this Field?

Building on our Experience to Deliver Successful Pathways to Work Contracts



About WorkDirections

- 2200 clients claiming IB have been helped into work through our programmes
- 36% have cited mental health as their primary health concern
- Across all London programmes, we have assisted 10,825 people into work since 2002
- 1607 clients who are Lone Parents have started work and 83% have sustained their employment



Pathways

- 25,000 clients will be participating in our 6 Pathways contracts over the 1st year
- We anticipate that 40% will have mental health as their primary disability and that 80% will have it as their primary or secondary disability



Building on our Welfare to Work Experience for Pathways

- How our use of Specialist Advisors has informed our Pathways model
- How we will work on condition management to give clients with health issues the best possibility of becoming ready for employment
- Upskilling our advisors to deal with mental health and disability issues appropriately and effectively



Case Studies

- Examples from our IBEP programme
- Case Study from our Specialist Advisor (with a CBT background)



Any questions...

