

Appendix A

IPSPC (Ability Slough)	Actions
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) informed Slough Borough Council of Grant Award along with 12 other Local Authorities.
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial conversation with Building Better Opportunities stakeholder around supporting implementation of IPSPC until Procurement for full award takes place. • Grant Award letter signed and accepted by SBC and placed on Grants register. • Building Better Opportunities closedown. • BBO Participants eligible for IPSPC identified. • New delivery model agreed. • Local Stakeholders identified.
June 2023 – July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional DWP Manager appointed. • Financial claim submitted to DWP for costs incurred until end June 2023 (SBC Project salary) • Third party BBO Provider staff training – 8 new work coaches appointed to deliver Ability Slough programme. • Full audit of costs carried out by DWP and agreed. • Local engagement phase 1 completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions begin with Job Centre Plus about referral routes and support available via this route. Discussions begin with Primary Care networks about referral routes for GP’s/Social Prescribers to use and what support will be available. Initial discussions with representatives from NHS Frimley Integral Care Board about programme. • Referral portal opened. • 30 BBO participants signed up to new support package with Ability Slough. • Engagement with Slough Borough Council Disability Forum about Slough Ability programme.
August 2023 – October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Curve identified as local community hub for initial engagement with potential participants. This location fulfils access and safeguarding requirements and now hosts the Future Skills Hub.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 new referrals received through local stakeholder such as, JCP, Mental Health Matters, Slough CVS Community connectors. • 15 new referrals from local GP surgeries. • Marketing material finalised. • DWP Claim submission for costs of delivery from 1st July 23 to 30th Sept 2023. • Project lead (SBC) attending monthly IPSPC meetings alongside other LAs to discuss performance and delivery. Opportunity to share best practice and problem solve collaboratively.
November 2023 – Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 2nd audit of cost submission to DWP • Cabinet report drafted for February 2024. • Procurement spec for Tender drafted and discussions held with SBC Procurement. • 40 new referrals received (Nov 2023) • Performance review with DWP (Nov 2023)
Jan 2024 – March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Meeting 26th February 2024 • Procurement Board 18th January 2024. • ITT issued by end Jan 2024 • Contract Awarded. • Oct 23-Dec 2023 DWP claim submission due by 15th Jan 2024. • Local engagement phase 2 including Public Health, Adult Social Care and Housing. • Review support availability within SBC workforce with HR. • Target: 200 new referrals. • DWP to announce outcome of IPSPC funding review for additional funding into 25/26 financial year.
April 2024 – March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract re-profile to be undertaken with DWP. • Engage and support 1200 Slough residents with disabilities or long-term health conditions using all local stakeholders including Primary Care. • Undertake an on-going DWP Evaluation as review for further funding to Tier 1 Authorities is considered. • Monthly Contract review meetings with procured provider. • Regional DWP performance reviews. • Audit and quality assurance checks by DWP



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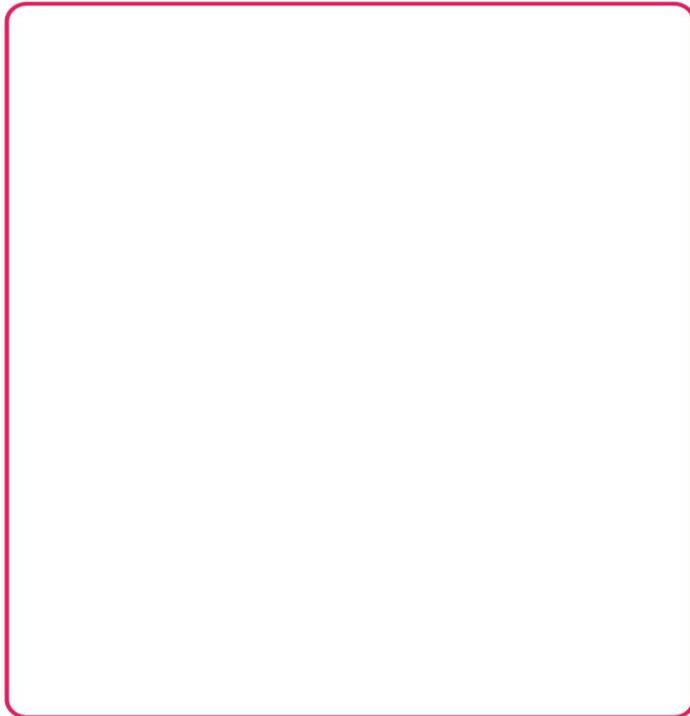
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Don't know how to start your employment journey?
Do you apply for jobs and not get an interview or even if you do, are never successful?

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Ways Into Work is a Community Interest Company delivering supported employment in the Southeast. We offer innovative cost saving solutions to businesses and life changing opportunities for people with a barrier to employment.

Ability Slough is a DWP funded project running in partnership with Slough Borough Council and Ways into Work. It is aimed at supporting people with a disability or long term health condition, into the work place.

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