

# National Employment & Health Innovations Network

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Durham County Council approach to  
Employment and Adults with a  
Disability



# Local Strategic Drivers

- **County Durham Economic Strategy 2002 – 2007**
- **Regional Employability Framework**
- **Statement of Priorities for Mental Health & Employability**
- **Draft Joint Mental Health Commissioning Strategy**
- **Durham County Council - Health Improvement Plan 2007 – 2012**
- **Recently agreed LAA Target**

Number of people with a mental health problem progressing from employment support into education, training, volunteering and employment.



# Current County Council Input

- **Work Able Solutions** (DCC)
- **Welfare Rights Service** (DCC)
- **Mental Health Employment / Training Support Services** (DCC / Voluntary Sector)



# Proposed Actions

- **DCC & PCT looking to develop a coordinated model for employment/training support for Mental Health service users from primary and secondary care**
- **DCC & PCT Contracted Employment / Training Providers developing outcome focussed approaches to ensure positive outcomes for Mental Health service users.**
- **Ofsted Inspection and Internal Review of WorkAble Solutions Service planned**
- **Countywide Mental Health Employment / Training Monitoring system being developed in line with LAA Target**



# Proposed Developments

- **Two additional specialist Mental Health Employment Support posts to be in place by end of 2008 (DCC)**
- **Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust developing an initiative around Information, Advice and Guidance in relation to Employment and Training**
- **Employment/Vocational Training a Key Priority in draft Joint Mental Health Commissioning Strategy**

