



Supporting and working with community groups and clubs to promote a deeper understanding of local health and care needs and experiences

## Spotlight on Supported Employment West Sussex

Impact Workability have partnered with Aldingbourne WorkAid to become Supported Employment West Sussex, (SEWS) providing a supportive Employment Service to people with disabilities and carers throughout West Sussex.



The new service is time limited and focussed on helping people find paid employment. In the case of carers, the service can also support to find appropriate training, education and voluntary work.



### From April 2020 the eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Aged 16 or over
- Resident in West Sussex
- Have the right to work in the UK
- Seeking paid employment
- Not in full time education
- Not on a DWP or ESF work programme

### There are 4 levels of the new service:

1. Tier 1 - one off intervention - enquiry by telephone or via drop in sessions held throughout the county.
2. Tier 2 - Up to 8 sessions, to help with accessing community services. Referrals to Tier 2 can be made by self-referral or by any other service or professional working with an individual.
3. Tier 3 - Up to 6 months of support to find paid employment. Referral for this tier for people with physical and sensory impairment is via West Sussex County Council Lifelong services.
4. Tier 4 - In work support to help set up Access to Work and/or other longer-term employment support.

Carers and people with Acquired Brain Injury can self refer to any part of the service.

Healthwatch West Sussex works in partnership with groups like Supported Employment West Sussex and The Aldingbourne Trust to gather insight from people who use their services and their families. What people tell us about their experiences of Health and Social Care is anonymised and collated and forms part of the evidence that Healthwatch gather to identify common themes around what works and doesn't work for local people.

**This insight is used to influence service development and can feed into:**

- West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board
- HASC - Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
- WSCC Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Safeguarding Adult Board
- Sussex Health and Care Partnership workstreams (the NHS Integrated Care System for Sussex).

Healthwatch West Sussex also share reports with the Care Quality Commission (who are responsible for the registration and inspection of services which deliver regulated activities) and to Healthwatch England to form part of the national picture used to influence national developments, such as the NHS Long Term forward plan.

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Not only do we collect the experiences of local people, but we can also provide free information and guidance just call: **0300 012 0122**.

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