

PSA16 and Work Choice

Reminder to all prospective Work Choice providers that a key criteria for successful bids will be the provider's ability to deliver effective support and job outcomes for adults with learning disabilities and mental health conditions covered by PSA16. This is clearly set out in the Invitation to Tender document

The definitions of the relevant PSA16 groups are:

- Adults with learning disabilities known to Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibilities (CASSRs)
- Adults in contact with secondary mental health services

Recently released national data shows that these groups have very low employment rates. The Government sees Work Choice as a key vehicle for driving better outcomes for these groups and bids will be assessed with this priority in mind.

Group	Group size	Employment rate
Adults with learning disabilities known to Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibilities (CASSRs)	132,285	7.5%
Adults receiving secondary mental health services	136,000	3.4%

The ITT document highlights evidence based interventions and principles of effective service design for working with these client groups. We are interested in innovative bids that build upon and develop these approaches in the context of the new provision.

Further information on PSA16 can be obtained through the links below:

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/social_exclusion_task_force/psa.aspx

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/pbr_csr07_psa16.pdf