



Employment is Everyone's Business (EEB) Update as at 9th May 2018 for Elevate Berkshire Joint Committee

Introduction

1. 'Employment is Everyone's Business - Stage 2' commenced delivery in March 2017. The aim of the project is to support Elevate Berkshire and the 6 LA areas to Improve life chances and employment outcomes for young people with Special Educational Needs SEND. The project includes 20 days of targeted support of which 3 have been utilised (see update from 21st September 2017)

Current Situation

2. BASE have struggled with continued connections with the 6 LAs given the turnover of staff and also the high demands on staff, which in turn impacts on people being able to attend sessions around Employment is Everyone's Business. Two sessions have been cancelled in the last 6 months: one with Members and one with schools due to the above reasons.

Next Steps for EEB Stage 2 Delivery

3. BASE have held discussions with various people involved in the project and we believe the best option to gain maximum impact for the project is to put specific resources in with provision across the LA areas, which can then be shared through learning events during the academic year 2018/2019.
4. The following sessions are being arranged:
 - 1 support day arranged to support BCA preparing for supported internships and study programmes
 - Up to 3 days support for RBWM on effective commissioning around employment
 - 1 support day with BFC on costed case studies looking at Invest to Save.

- Identify and target a mainstream school that are struggling with employment outcomes for young people with SEND (possibly 3 support days)
 - Identify and target a SEN school that are struggling with employment outcomes for young people with SEND (possibly 3 support days)
5. All of these support days findings and experiences will feed into 2 shared learning events which will happen during the 2018/2019 academic year
 6. The above list is not exhaustive and there are still days within the project that have not been allocated across Berkshire but will be utilised within the duration of the Project.
 7. Remaining days to be flexible to meet the needs of the 6 local authority areas

Recommendations

8. Elevate Berkshire Joint Committee to note the findings of the report, promote the project and be actively involved in relevant sessions.
9. BASE continue delivering the project and be flexible to meet the needs of Berkshire areas, with an aim that project is completed by July 2019.
10. BASE to send next report to JC Members by September 2018..

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