

Do you need help finding or keeping a job?



We're here to help. Get free, personalised job support in West London with...

CONNECT TO WORK

Funded by **UK Government**

A collaboration between **shaw trust** &



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- Launched in May 2025, Connect to Work is a government-funded initiative helping individuals with health conditions, disabilities and support needs to find or maintain meaningful and sustainable employment.
- Individuals must be willing to declare a health condition or be from a specified disadvantage group.

Who is eligible for Connect to Work?

- Open to anyone with a diagnosed or self-diagnosed health condition, disability or from a **specified disadvantage group**.
- Must have the Right to Work in the UK – Does not need access to public funds.



A specified disadvantaged group:

- An offender or ex-offender
- A carer or ex-carer.
- A homeless person.
- A former member of Armed Forces, a member of reserves, or a partner of current or former Armed Forces personnel.
- A person for whom a drug or alcohol dependency, including a history of dependency, presents a significant barrier.
- Care experienced young person or a care leaver
- A refugee, a resettled Afghan.
- A person on the Ukrainian scheme.
- A victim/survivor of domestic abuse.
- Young people identified as being involved or at risk of being involved in serious violence.
- A victim of modern slavery.

What is IPS? (Individual Placement and Support)

- Meaningful, paid employment used alongside medication and therapy as the third recovery tool.
- Support also available to those who are employed but feel at risk of falling out of employment due to their health condition
- Integration with the treatment team is critical for the success of IPS and supported employment cannot succeed for this client group in isolation from their treating health services.
- The key principles underlying integration is to ensure employment support is embedded within the surgery from which patients are receiving healthcare, as opposed to Jobcentres or other non-health related provisions.
- If a patient wants paid employment at some point in the future, even if they are not “ready” in that exact moment, we want to harness and develop that.

IPS Service- 8 Principles:



It aims to get people into competitive employment



It is open to all those who want to work



It tries to find jobs consistent with people's preferences.



It works quickly



It brings employment specialists into clinical team



Works closely with employers

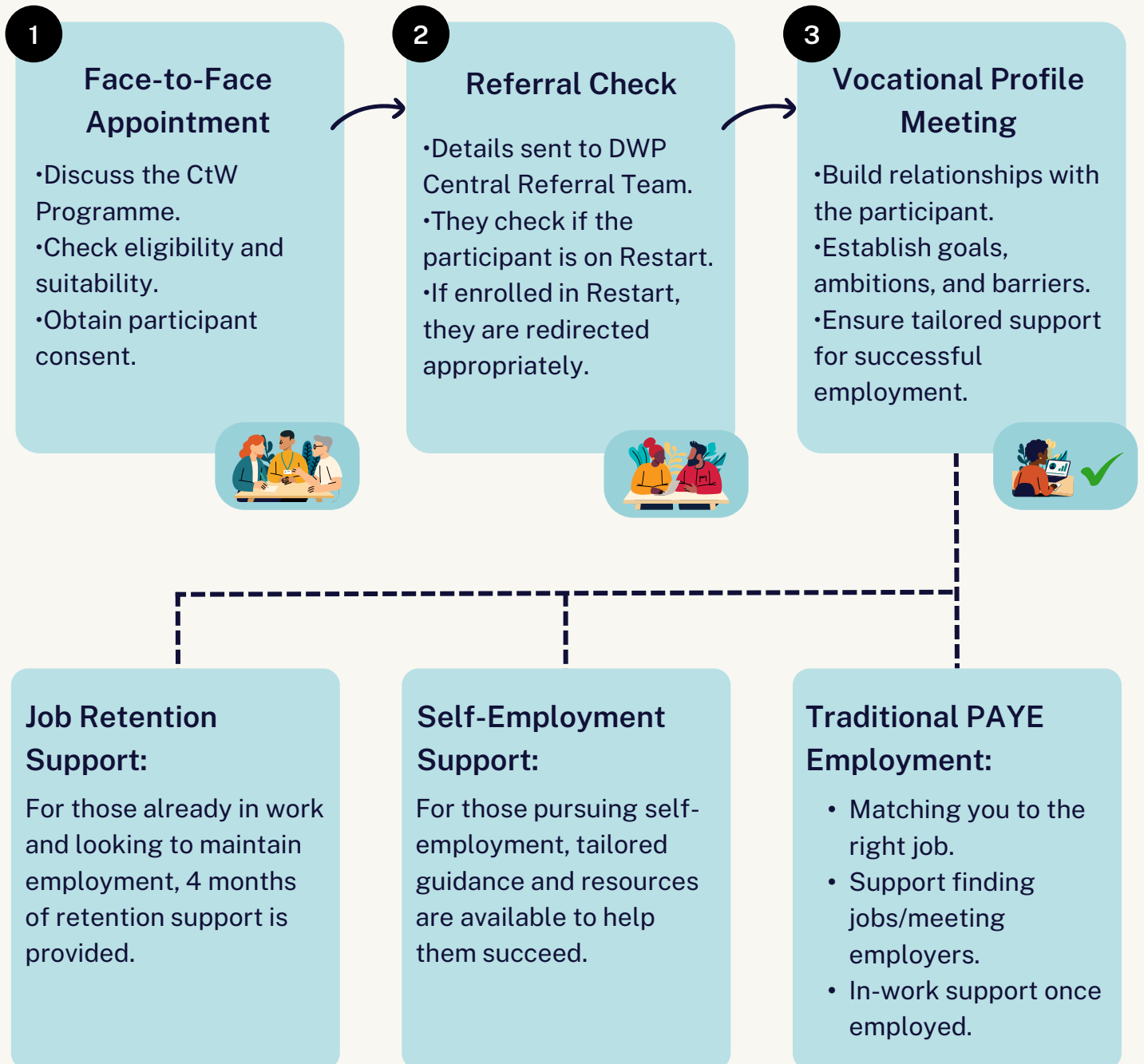


Ongoing, individualised Support



Benefits counselling is included

Participant's Journey:



Participants seeking employment with an employer benefit from:

- Employer engagement
- Job matching (including CV writing, interview prep, managing personal information, and planning in-work support)

Once employed, they transition into In-Work Support to ensure job stability and achieve a successful outcome.

How to Refer to Connect to Work:



Patient Clinic



0808 196 2386



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**Joy App or Direct Referral Form through
EMIS/SystemOne**



Meet date for 15/10/2026 13.00 – 14.00 Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

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