

Schedule 17 - Life Chances

1 General

- 1.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Crown is committed to assisting people to move from welfare to employment and driving forward improvements in economic, social and environmental well-being.
- 1.2 The Contractor (a) acknowledges that the Authority has a responsibility to support and promote wider social sustainability objectives for the benefit of society; and (b) agrees to cooperate with the Authority to improve life chances for those most disadvantaged and furthest from the labour market.
- 1.3 The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority is supporting the Crown's life chances and social value agendas by aiming to promote opportunities for groups of persons ("**DWP Priority Groups**") which the Authority regards as meriting priority assistance including but not limited to Apprentices, Disabled People, Young People, Older Workers, Ex-Offenders and Black and Minority Ethnic People.

2 Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan

- 2.1 In addition to complying with its obligations set out in clause D2 and this Schedule 17 (Life Chances), the Authority requires the Contractor to provide such information as the Authority may request on (a) the action(s) the Contractor is taking in the course of supplying the Services to comply with its obligations set out in clause D2 and in this Schedule 17 (Life Chances) and (b) the effect such action(s) have on the Staff used in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.
- 2.2 As part of the information to be provided by the Contractor under paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule 17 (Life Chances), the Authority requires the Contractor to provide to the Authority:
 - (a) a diversity and equality delivery plan ("**Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan**") six (6) Months after the Commencement Date, and annually thereafter. The Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan must be specific to the Contract and include details of all Staff including but not limited to all Sub-contractors involved in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.
 - (b) details of the action(s) the Contractor is taking to support the Crown's social value agenda including but not limited to the action(s) the Contractor is taking to meet its obligations under paragraph 2.3 of this Schedule.
- 2.3 The Contractor shall, and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors, take the following action(s) in respect of DWP Priority Groups:
 - (a) **Apprentices**
 - (i) Ensure that five percent (5%) of the Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract are Apprentices.

- (ii) Make available to potential members of Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations information about the National Apprenticeship Service.

(b) **Disabled People**

- (i) Take steps to become a Disability Confident Employer and achieve level 3 within twelve (12) months of the Commencement Date and maintain such Disability Confident Employer status at all times thereafter during the Contract Period. For the purposes of this Schedule, the term **"Disability Confident Employer"** (including the levels associated with such definition) is more particularly described in the Authority's Disability Confident accreditation publication, as updated and/or replaced by the Authority and notified to the Contractor from time to time. Any breach by the Contractor of this paragraph 2.3(b)(i) shall entitle the Authority to terminate this Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Contractor.
- (ii) Ensure that its Sub-contractors achieve a minimum Disability Confident status commensurate to the proportion of IPES Services that those Sub-contractors individually deliver in the CPA, as follows:
 - (A) Disability Confident Level 1 – from 5% up to 25% delivery in the CPA;
 - (B) Disability Confident Level 2 – more than 25% up to 50% delivery in the CPA;
 - (C) Disability Confident Level 3 – more than 50% delivery in the CPA.

The Sub-contractor's Disability Confident status must be achieved within twelve (12) Months from the date the Sub-contractor commences delivery of IPES Services. Any breach by the Contractor of this paragraph 2.3(b)(ii) shall entitle the Authority to terminate this Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Contractor.

- (iii) Make appropriate use of Access to Work to support recruit and retain disabled workers.
- (iv) When recruiting Staff to be used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, offer Disabled People interviews under a guaranteed interview scheme for vacancies for Staff where the Disabled People meet the minimum criteria for such vacancies.
- (v) Offer Work Trials to Disabled People to support filling vacancies for Staff.
- (vi) Provide Employment Experience to Disabled People as members of Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's

obligations under the Contract to develop their skills and experience and increase their employability.

(c) **Young People – Under 25**

- (i) Offer Work Trials to Young People to support filling vacancies for Staff.
- (ii) Provide Employment Experience to Young People as members of Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract to develop their skills and experience and increase their employability.

(d) **Older Workers – Over 50**

- (i) Offer Work Trials to Older Workers to support filling vacancies for Staff.
- (ii) Provide Employment Experience to Older People as members of Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract to develop their skills and experience and increase their employability.

(e) **Ex-Offenders**

- (i) Offer Work Trials to Ex-Offenders to support filling vacancies for Staff.
- (ii) Provide Employment Experience to Ex-Offenders as members of Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract to develop their skills and experience and increase their employability.

(f) **Black and Minority Ethnic People**

- (i) Offer Work Trials to Black and Minority Ethnic people to support filling vacancies for Staff.
- (ii) Provide Employment Experience to Black and Minority Ethnic people as members of Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract to develop their skills and experience and increase their employability.

(g) **Employee Vacancies**

- (i) Advertise all vacancies for Staff via Find a Job (<https://www.gov.uk/jobsearch>) in addition to any other recruitment agencies with whom the Contractor advertises such vacancies and any other actions the Contractor takes to recruit Staff.

2.4 The Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan must also include:

- (a) an overview of Contractor and any Sub-contractor's policies and procedures for preventing unlawful discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity in respect of:
 - (i) age;
 - (ii) disability;
 - (iii) gender reassignment;
 - (iv) marriage and civil partnership;
 - (v) pregnancy and maternity;
 - (vi) race;
 - (vii) religion or belief;
 - (viii) sex; and
 - (ix) sexual orientation.
- (b) an overview of Contractor and any Sub-contractor's policies and procedures covering:
 - (i) harassment
 - (ii) bullying
 - (iii) victimisation
 - (iv) Staff training and development
- (c) details of the way in which the above policies and procedures are, or will be (and by when), communicated to Staff;
- (d) details of what general diversity and equality related training has been, or will be delivered (and by when), to Staff;
- (e) details of what structure and resources are currently directed towards active promotion of diversity and equality within the Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, or if not currently in place, what will be put in place and by when.

2.5 The Authority will consider and must agree the contents of Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan. Any issues will be raised with the Contractor by the contract manager acting on behalf of the Authority. If an issue relates to a Sub-contractor, the Contractor must raise and resolve the issue with the Sub-contractor.

Life Chances Workforce Monitoring Template

2.6 The Contractor shall provide the Life Chances Workforce Monitoring template (contained in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 17 (Life Chances)), as may be updated and amended by the Authority from time to time, duly completed in

full by the Contractor in respect of all Staff (including but not limited to all Sub-contractors used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract), six (6) Months after the Commencement Date and annually thereafter.

- 2.7 The Contractor shall complete the Life Chances Workforce Monitoring template in line with the 'Life Chances through Procurement Guidance for DWP Contractors' and the contract definitions.
- 2.8 The Contractor will compare figures in all categories listed in the Appendix 1 - Workforce Monitoring template and provide (where possible) comparisons against any official national/regional statistics that are publicly available in accordance with the "Social Value Guidance for Contractors" provided by the Authority to the Contractor.
- 2.9 The 'Social Value Guidance for Contractors' provides links to a number of data collection sources, this is not an exhaustive list and other sources are available. The Authority recognises that there may be regional variations in terms of population demographics and some data categories and coverage may not be complete or fully aligned, however, the Contractor agrees to provide high level analysis and identification of trends as and when requested by the Authority.
- 2.10 The Contractor shall provide and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors provide such evidence as the Authority may require of action(s) undertaken or planned by the Contractor and/or any Sub-contractor to improve the numbers in the Social Value Workforce Monitoring template (contained in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 17 (Life Chances)) to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- 2.11 Diversity and Equality, the Crown's social value agenda and DWP Priority Groups will be discussed jointly by the Authority and the Contractor as an on-going item at Contract review meetings. Such meetings will discuss the information provided by the Contractor in accordance with paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule 17 (Life Chances).

APPENDIX 1 – LIFE CHANCES WORKFORCE MONITORING

Important – the figures the Contractor provides must relate specifically to the staff used in the performance of the contractor's obligations under the contract only, which for the avoidance of doubt includes any Sub-contractor.

Date of Return Month: Year	
Name of Contract:	
Contract Number:	
Name of Contractor:	
Call-Off Commencement Date:	
Total Number of Staff, which for the avoidance of doubt includes any Sub-contractors	

1 – Number of new Staff posts created in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract

New Staff Posts	Number of new Staff posts created in period	
	1-34 hr per week posts	35 hr + per week posts
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)		
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)		
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)		
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)		

2 – Number of Apprentices in Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract

DWP Priority Group - Apprentices	Number of Apprentices in Staff which have been employed for 26 weeks or longer in period	% of Apprentices in Staff at the end of the period	No. of Apprentices who began apprenticeships as part of the Staff during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)			
1 st annual return (at 18			

DWP Priority Group - Apprentices	Number of Apprentices in Staff which have been employed for 26 weeks or longer in period	% of Apprentices in Staff at the end of the period	No. of Apprentices who began apprenticeships as part of the Staff during the period
months for months 7-18)			
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)			
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)			

3 – Number of Disabled People in Staff used in the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract

DWP Priority Group - Disabled People	Number of Disabled People in Staff which have been employed for 26 weeks or longer in period	% of Disabled People in Staff at end of period	Number of Disabled People who began employment as part of the Staff during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)			
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)			
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)			
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)			

4 – Number of Disabled People, who had been interviewed by the Contractor under the Guaranteed Interview Scheme (GIS) for Staff posts used in the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract,

DWP Priority Group – Disabled People in the Staff who had been interviewed by the Contractor under the GIS	Number of Disabled People who have been interviewed for Staff posts by the Contractor under the GIS during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)	
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)	
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)	
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)	

5 – Number of Young People in Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract

DWP Priority Group - Young People	Number of Young People in Staff which have been employed for 26 weeks or longer in period	% Young People in Staff at end of period	Number of Young People who began employment as part of the Staff during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)			
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)			
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)			
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)			

6 – Number of Older Workers in Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract

DWP Priority Group - Older Workers	Number of Older Workers in Staff which have been employed for 26 weeks or longer in period	% Older Workers in Staff at end of period	Number of Older Workers who began employment as part of the Staff during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)			
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)			
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)			
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)			

7 – Number of Ex-Offenders in Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

DWP Priority Group - Ex-Offenders	Number of ex-offenders in Staff which have been employed for 26 weeks or longer in period	% ex-offenders in Staff at end of period	Number of ex-offenders who began employment as part of the Staff during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)			
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)			
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)			
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)			

8 – Number of Black or Minority Ethnic (BME) in Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

DWP Priority Group - Ex-Offenders	Number BME in Staff which have been employed for 26 weeks or longer in period	% BME in Staff at end of period	Number of BME who began employment as part of the Staff during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)			
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)			
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)			
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)			

9 – Number of Employment Experience placements conducted in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract

Employment Experience placements	Number of Employment Experience placements conducted during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)	
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)	
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)	
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)	

10 – Number of Work Trials conducted as part of the recruitment of Staff used in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

Work Trials	Number of Work Trials conducted during the period
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)	
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)	
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)	
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)	

11 – Number of vacancies for Staff advertised via Find a Job

Staff vacancies advertised via Find a Job	Number of vacancies for Staff advertised via Find a Job during the period	% of all vacancies for Staff advertised via Find a Job during the period.
Baseline return (at 6 months for months 0-6)		
1 st annual return (at 18 months for months 7-18)		
2 nd annual return (at 30 months for months 19 - 30)		
3 rd annual return (at 42 months for months 31-42)		