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Contracted Employment Provider – Working Links (Employment) Ltd

You may be aware that Working Links (Employment) Ltd has entered voluntary administration. Working Links currently deliver the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) European Social Fund (ESF) 2014-2020 provision for six Local Enterprise Partnerships.

As of today, all provision for contracts supplied by Working Links has ceased.

In line with its normal procedures the DWP is working through the appropriate contingency processes and is undertaking a full options analysis of potential contingency arrangements for ESF Funded participants.

We will keep affected LEPs and ESIF committees fully informed of the emerging implications on ESF funding. If you wish to discuss this please contact Kate Trott (kate.trott@dwp.gsi.gov.uk) or your ESF Managing Authority LEP representative.

The department takes its responsibility to support its customers and provide value for taxpayers very seriously. We will keep all individuals currently participating on employment provision delivered by Working Links updated on the situation as appropriate.

We will maintain regular discussions with Working Links and should the situation change, we will work with them.

If you have any queries in relation to this announcement please send them to working.linksenquiries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Holmes', with a horizontal flourish underneath.

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