

Transcript – Wellbeing Works Video

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A new £2.5 million fund will improve the help delivered to people looking to access employment and training.

The Employability Innovation and Integration Fund will look to join up employment support with health and social care, justice and housing services, making sure people receive the level of support they need to find sustainable employment.

Mr Hepburn announced details on a visit to the new Edinburgh Wellbeing Works campus which is one of three to be rolled out by the Shaw Trust under the devolved employment programme Work First Scotland.

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I'm here at Shaw Trust Wellbeing Works in Edinburgh to announce that today

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the Scottish Government has launched its £2.5 million Employability

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Innovation and Integration Fund. We're hoping that we will see statutory services

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linking up with other sectors so that we can have a wraparound approach making

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sure that where an individual is looking to get in work what but there are other aspects of

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a work, be it to do with the housing requirements, health requirements

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maybe they have experience of the justice system, for sustained employment they need support in

other

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aspects of their life. So we're operating now under the Work First

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Scotland Employment Programme and we felt it was massively important when people

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are looking to get and keep jobs that we look at how they operate in the sphere

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of their mental health, we're going to be working with a whole range of

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partners to do some tremendous things. Bringing all that together in one

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place means that our Work First Scotland customers get the very best chance of

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getting and keeping a job and when while they do it, really really positive mental

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health and a really strong sense of their wellness. We're getting great

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support and everything else and they are helping me to find full time work.

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It's a six month programme, I've never had anything like this before.

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I've always been on Employment Support Allowance because I'm epileptic and

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I've got learning difficulties and everything else. The staff are friendly

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they help you out, and it's really great.

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