



## Wellbeing Works Launch Video – Transcript

### **Austin Hardie, Executive Director for Enterprise and Operations at Shaw Trust**

Hello my name is Austin Hardie. I am the Executive Director for Enterprise and Operations here at Shaw Trust. We are here today at Forth Sector, which is one of Shaw Trust's enterprise organisations, to launch our Wellbeing Hub here in Edinburgh. The idea of our hub, is to bring together a whole range of wellbeing and mental health services, together with a whole range of employment based services. Essentially our job is to make sure that folks with disabilities or health conditions across Scotland, who want to work, get the best opportunity and the best service, to allow them to do that.

### **Suzanne Johnston, Service user at Wellbeing Works**

I'm Suzanne Johnston, I'm born and bred from Scotland. The reason why I am here is because the job centre has put me on a six month programme and they want me to find full time work. In the long run, I'll hopefully have a full time job, and get the support from them after that, and after that, hopefully to do it myself.

### **Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Employability and Training**

We know that people with a disability, indeed anyone, who may be removed from the labour market, will often have multiple barriers to getting into work. So it's important to not only provide the core service in trying to help them with employability skills, but also to be there to support them in relation to other aspects of their life as well. They could have matters relating to their health and wellbeing, I suppose that's in the name, the Wellbeing hub, and it could be to do with other issues such as housing. So if you have a one stop shop, essentially, where people can come and get that wider support around all aspects of their life. I think that's a good approach.