

Freedom of Information Act Request Central Units Directorate Response date: 9th October 2015

Request:

Request for information regarding work placements:

1. Do you employ people on 'workfare'?

This is defined as 'a welfare system which requires some work or attendance for training from those receiving benefits.'

Workfare includes CWP, MWA, Work Placements etc.

Response:

We can confirm the Council operates two Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) programmes:

- Work Programme (with Rehab Jobfit)
- Community Work Placements (with A19 Skills/Working Links).

We have been able to established that none of the current customers on either programme are 'employed' with a contract of employment with Pembrokeshire County Council.

We do not have access to data that would be able to provide an answer as to whether an employee has previously been on any DWP programme, as the DWP is a separate organisation to the Council and we do not have access to their records. We suggest you contact the DWP directly if you require data on whether customers of DWP work programmes have subsequently gained employment. Contact information can be found on their website: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions