The Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Section 72) Designation (No.3) Order 2018

Made 18th July 2018

Coming into force 18th July 2018

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 72(2)(b) and 83(4) and (6) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999(3).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Section 72) Designation (No.3) Order 2018.

(2) In this Order-

"Connecting Communities innovation pilot" is a pilot scheme which aims to provide employment support to the unemployed or those on low incomes within the contract package areas;

"contractor" means one of the persons listed in Schedule 1 to this Order, appointed by the WMCA to deliver the Connecting Communities innovation pilot in the contract package areas;

"contract package areas" means the areas listed in Schedule 2 to this Order; "evaluation contractor" means a person appointed by the WMCA to provide evaluation services for the Connecting Communities innovation pilot;

"sub-contractor" means persons appointed by the contractors named in Schedule 1 to this Order, to deliver the Connecting Communities innovation pilot;

"WMCA" means the West Midlands Combined Authority.

Designation for purposes of Section 72 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999

2. Each of the following persons, or descriptions of persons, is designated for the purposes of Section 72(2)(b) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999-

(a) the WMCA for the purposes of delivering the Connecting Communities innovation pilot;

(b) the contractors listed in Schedule 1 to this Order for the purposes of delivering the Connecting Communities innovation pilot;

(*) 1999 c.30. Section 72 was amended by section 34(4)(a) and (b) of the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c. 24); and section 134(1) and (2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5).
(c) the sub-contractors of the contractors listed in Schedule 1 to this Order for the purposes of delivering the Connecting Communities innovation pilot;

(d) the evaluation contractors appointed by the WMCA to provide evaluation services for the Connecting Communities innovation pilot.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

Alok Sharma MP
Minister of State for Employment
Department for Work and Pensions
SCHEDULE 1

CONTRACTORS APPOINTED BY THE WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY

1. Redditch United Football Club
2. Reed in Partnership
3. Rathbone Training
4. Pet-Xi Training Limited
5. Walsall College
6. Advanced Housing, Support and Employment
7. Steps to Work
8. The Shaw Trust Limited
9. Remploy Limited
SCHEDULE 2

CONTRACT PACKAGE AREAS FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY

1. Batchley and Brockhill (Redditch)
2. Binley and Willenhall (Coventry)
3. Birchills Leamore (Walsall)
4. Camp Hill (Nuneaton)
5. Cannock North (Cannock Chase)
6. Chelmsley Wood (Solihull)
7. Glaston (Tamworth)
8. Shard End (Birmingham)
9. Washwood Heath (Birmingham)
EXPLANATORY NOTE
(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made under Section 72(2)(b) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999. It designates certain persons for the purposes of the information sharing power in Section 72 of that Act, in relation to which relevant provision is made under regulation 13 of the Social Security (Claims and Information) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1993/3108 as amended by S.I. 2010/508).

Connecting Communities is an innovation pilot scheme which aims to provide employment support to the unemployed or those on low incomes within the contract package areas. Contractors of the WMCA will work in the contract package areas to build on existing social networks and shift the attitudes of unemployed individuals or those on low paid incomes, in order to give them a clear vision or pathway to progress into employment.

The Order provides express legal authority for the exchange of information between the Secretary of State and the WMCA and their nine contractors as listed in Schedule 1 of the Order. The contractors appointed by WMCA will deliver the Connecting Communities innovation pilot in their contract package areas as listed in Schedule 2.

The Order also provides express legal authority for the exchange of information between the Secretary of State and any sub-contractors of the contractors listed in Schedule 1.

The WMCA will also appoint separate contractors to evaluate the innovation pilot and the Secretary of State will have legal authority to exchange information with WMCA's contractors for the purposes of evaluating the pilot.

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