

The IES trial in the South East 2008/09

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Key points

- The trial will be Hampshire wide
- It will start on February 16th 2009 (to be confirmed by Ministers)
- The core components of the trial are:
 - **Enhanced skills screening tools** for Jobcentre Plus advisers to identify the skills needs of Jobseekers' Allowance claimants;
 - **Enhanced referral processes** between the different service advisers;
 - **Skills Health Check** diagnosis, where appropriate, to help build targeted Skills Action Plans;
 - **Skills Accounts** offering online personalised accounts so learners can track all their information in one secure web portal;
 - **Careers information and advice** including **nextstep** and the National Careers Advice Telephone and Web Service (formerly learndirect careers advice);
 - **Support to access relevant job opportunities** to focus on sustained employment.
 - **Relevant and responsive provision** to reflect customers' needs and local labour market conditions. Central to service delivery are LSC-funded Skills for Jobs and the Employability Skills Programme. There is strong emphasis on LSC funded skills provision also helping to move people into employment as well as to achieve recognised qualifications.
- There will be local components particularly in the PUSH area, and related to the MAA developments eg
 - An advancement network trial (subject to Ministerial approval)
 - A co-located team include the LSC, JCP, nextstep and Local Authorities
 - An offer for Lone Parents

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