

sector route-way for adult social care in england

what is the sector route-way?

It's the process that Jobcentre Plus can use to help unemployed people gain the skills and confidence they need to move into jobs in the adult social care sector.

It has three key elements:

- The development of local partnerships between social care employers, learning providers and Jobcentre Plus.
- The route-way toolkit, which is a set of practical resources designed specifically for Jobcentre Plus staff.
- The route-way course, which is a pre-employment training course that lasts at least 60 hours and can be taught flexibly over a three to six week period.

Throughout the 60-hour course, learners will develop their communication and employability skills and learn about the values and principles that are central to all types of work in the social care sector. They will also learn about the different types of job opportunities and career development options that are available, hopefully getting a real feel for the social care sector by the time they complete the course.

what is the route-way toolkit?

The route-way toolkit is a set of resources that have been designed specifically for use by staff at Jobcentre Plus. However, any social care employers or learning providers that want to find out more about the route-way can view or download an electronic copy at www.skillsforcare.org.uk/caresectorrouteway.

The contents of the route-way toolkit are:

- An introduction to the social care sector
- An overview of the route-way principles and process
- Guidance and resources to help Jobcentre Plus with
 - marketing and promotion
 - recruitment and selection
 - transition into sustained employment

The toolkit consists of a guidance document with links to other resources and a series of accompanying leaflets.

For further information and regional contact details please visit www.skillsforcare.org.uk/caresectorrouteway.

