

Clare Elliott and Chris Guest
DWP Employment Group

www.dwp.gov.uk

9 June 2011

Dear Colleague

DWP Worklessness Co-design - publication of final report

Building on the success of the DWP Worklessness Co-design Interim report which we published in January, we are pleased to announce that the DWP Worklessness Co-design final report has now been published and is available on the DWP internet web site via this link [DWP Worklessness Co-design Report](#)

When we began this work in June of 2010 the aim was to focus on a small number of areas in England to develop a deep and shared understanding of the evidence on 'what works' and how joint solutions could be developed which would be supportive for the future environment.

The five areas working with us; Bradford, Birmingham, Lewisham, South Tyneside and Swindon have each entered into the spirit of co-design and have continued to build on strong, effective partnerships where knowledge and best practices have been exchanged to support the development of co-designed local solutions to local issues of worklessness.

We would like to take the opportunity to add our observations on the strength of the local partnership working in the five Co-design areas who have worked with us. It has been a great pleasure to work with all the stakeholders involved in this work from Jobcentre Plus colleagues, to the Local Government Improvement Development (LGID) stakeholders and the officials from each of the Local Authorities.

Chris Guest, head of DWP Employment Group Partnership Division will now be leading the work on how DWP can take the learning from the report forward to support the greater autonomy and flexibility from which Jobcentre Plus Districts will benefit, so that we can work together to co-design local worklessness solutions.

We wish the five areas we have worked with continued success in delivering their co-designed activities as they work and co-design together to meet the challenges ahead.

Yours sincerely

Clare Elliott - DWP Worklessness Co-design

Chris Guest - Employment Group – Partnerships Division

Email TOTALPLACEWORKLESSNESS.CO-DESIGN@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK