

Specialist employment support, provided in partnership with the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, to help people with mental health challenges access and retain paid work.



Work and Wellbeing Employment Service (West Sussex)

616

people received support from our team of Employment Specialists to secure or maintain work

159

people who received support secured paid employment



Of those that secured paid employment:



59%

sustained employment for 3 months or longer



51%

sustained employment for 6 months or longer



32%

sustained employment for 12 months or longer

Our Supported Employment service follows the evidence-based Individual Placement Support (IPS) approach and works in partnership with the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

We are the largest provider of IPS Supported Employment in the UK and are recognised by the Centre for Mental Health as an IPS Centre of Excellence.



Our approach brings all parties together to ensure the client gets a job that suits their needs and the employer gains or retains an employee that can work effectively and contribute to the business.

Over the year, the service has supported clients to access a wide range of jobs in a variety of sectors including: administrative and support services, retail, education and technical services.



47%

of people supported achieved an outcome of securing new paid employment; retaining an existing job; a volunteering role, or an educational course.



The service is a key partner to support NHS England's commitment to expand access to employment support within the mental health system over the next 10 years.

Find out more

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