

Freedom of Information – Response – 27435

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you would provide the following information in relation to your Supported Employment service for adults with learning disabilities and / or autism:

1) Do you have an in-house Supported Employment service, or do you commission this service?

Suffolk County Council does not currently deliver an in-house Supported Employment service. Suffolk's Connect to Work programme is managed by Suffolk County Council's Adult Skills and Employment Team, with delivery commissioned through Seetec.

2) How many people access your supported employment service?

Suffolk's Connect to Work programme is intended to support over 2,700 residents across the lifetime of the programme (October 2025 – March 2030). Current participant starts are 169.

3) How many people have been supported to find and keep a paid role?

As the programme is still in the early stages of delivery, current confirmed numbers of participants supported into and retained in paid employment is 13.

4) What targets do you have to support people with learning disabilities and / or autism into work?

The wider programme aims to engage 2,700 participants across Suffolk, with targets of 1,500 job starts, 1,000 job outcomes and an 80% retention rate. These are programme-level targets rather than targets solely for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism.

5) If your Supported Employment is in-house, how many staff do you have delivering Supported Employment?

Not applicable.

6) What is the average size of a worker's caseload?

For Suffolk's Connect to Work programme, the average caseload for Employment Specialists is 20 participants with flex up to 25.

7) Which model of Supported Employment do you follow?

Suffolk's Connect to Work programme follows both Individual Placement and Support (IPS) and the Supported Employment Quality Framework (SEQF), with an anticipated model split of approximately 75% IPS and 25% SEQF.