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Dear Providers

IEP Quality Improvement Framework

I wish to take to the opportunity to share and highlight the Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) with you our strategic partners within the CAEHRS Agreement. As you may be aware over the last couple of years the IEP and its Employability Sector partners, with support from DWP, have developed a sector led QIF. This has already been piloted with promising results, and subsequently reviewed in detail by practicing sector specialists to hone both the language and its usability.

The IEP QIF is a framework built specifically for the employability sector, containing six, research informed, quality indicators and takes into consideration external influences such as contract compliance, government legislation and labour market challenges. The QIF describes what good looks like, but it does not describe methodology, the support needed, or business or ethical decision making, this is down to provider choice, and it compliments and does not replace current quality systems.

The IEP believe that adoption of the QIF will be a significant step forward for the UK employability sector. The QIF is now publicly available for use in the UK and more details can be found on the website here. <https://www.myiep.uk/general/custom.asp?page=QIF>.

In addition there is guidance document attached alongside this message. For more information or any specific questions, please email IEP colleagues direct at quality@iemployability.org.

I'm really pleased to see the QIF launch. To be clear DWP will not be prescribing the mandatory adoption of QIF but we see it being a great addition to toolkit available to the wider sector and its practitioners.

Yours sincerely,

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