

Our first year as a Pathfinder

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Strategic developments since Jan 2007

- Extension of partnership
- New posts in Jobs Strategy Team
- Targets agreed and monitored
- Sign-up to the Business Plan by partners
- Chair appointed
- Finance and Resource Planning Group (FRP) processes
- Sub-groups– Targets and Evaluation; Communications; Employer Engagement; FRP

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Joined-up funding

- Pathfinder Grant (PG): £927,551 over two years from DWP
- Creation of processes and plans for use by FRP
- Split agreed between:
 - neighbourhood-focussed intervention
 - linking with health
 - match for European programme
 - Challenge Fund
 - Community Planning bid for EU Funds
 - Other, e.g. work with employers

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Helping more people on the route to work

Drafting of the **Offer to Jobseekers**:

Pathfinder Grant funding agreed for:

- Area Focus pilot in Muirhouse
- High Support Needs Consortium (HSNC)
- CORE – for prison-leavers in the community

EU funding earmarked for:

- Enhanced area interventions
- Money Advice
- Programmes for MCMC (NEET) group

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Working with employers

Drafting the **Employer Offer**:

Pathfinder Grant Funding agreed for:

- Academy at St James Shopping
- Social Care academy

EU funding earmarked for:

- Development of employment hubs
- Sectoral job brokerage

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Work with health and social care

Linking Health, Social Care and Employment

Employability training for health and care staff

Pathfinder Grant Funding agreed for:

- Connecting Employability and Health
- Voluntary Work Coach

EU funding earmarked for:

- Volunteering hubs in target communities
- Early engagement via health and care services
- Referral routes from Primary Care settings



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Targets and Evaluation Sub-group

Integrated performance reporting
Evaluation contract has been let

Work in Progress

Website development to support the Offers
Joined-up service planning
Management Information - **Caselink**

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