CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON C O U N C I L

Response to Request for Information

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Troubled Families Programme

Request:

Could you please tell me what locally determined verification systems you used to establish that adults who had moved off out-of-work benefits were in continuous employment for the period of time required to make a claim for success in the 'achieving continuous employment result'. (i.e. how did you establish locally that the adult was in continuous employment and not just 'off' out-of-work benefits).

Where it has been identified that an adult in the family has moved off out of work benefits and into continuous employment, the details of the individual are provided to the Jobcentre Plus Troubled Families Employment Advisor (TFEA) - seconded to the local authority. The TFEA will then confirm the date the adult in the family moved off benefits and started employment and confirm if the individual has been in employment for the required period of time to be eligible for a claim. This information will then be used to provide evidence to the local authority internal auditors to verify the claim as achieving continuous employment.