Press Release: "IPS Beyond SMI" New Project: Support for disabled people looking for jobs – what works?

	The National Institute for Health and Social Care Research is paying for some new research.
	The project is going to find out about support for disabled people to get jobs.
	By disabled people we mean people with learning disabilities and/or autism, people with mental health issues, people with sensory impairments, d/Deaf people and people with physical impairments
	We want to know what works well and what doesn't.
	The research is being done by disabled researchers and university-based researchers.

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	The project partners are:
	The University of Strathclyde
	The University of Sheffield,
	Speakup Self Advocacy
	Breakthrough UK,
	Social Finance.

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	Disabled researchers and non-disabled researchers are working together. This is called co-production.
	The project is trying to find what good support for disabled people to find employment looks like.
	Individual Placement Support and Supported Employment Schemes are used to help disabled people to get jobs. We want to find out how well they work.
	We will ask disabled people who have taken part what they think of these schemes.

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	We will ask people who organise the schemes what they think of them.
	We want to know if these schemes are a good use of money.
	We hope that what we find will help to change policy and practice so that more disabled people get the support they need to get a job.
	If you have any questions, please ask Jane Cullingworth Jane.cullingworth@strathclyde.ac.uk