

Testimonial

“Forwards have supported me into work and are always available for support” Nathan Mattick

“Forwards have helped me with Nathan’s confidence and he is enjoying his work experience” Kath Grieve

“Forwards helped me into a job and have been with me every step of the way” Karen Perkins.

“Forwards has been very supportive to James’s needs and he is looking forward to starting his job” Yvonne Torres



How do I make a referral?

You can make a referral by contacting:

Adult Helpdesk 01452 426868
Email Kirsten.smart@gloucestershire.gov.uk
07825 024 692

Forwards Work Club

Visit our website and download a referral form and email it to Forwards@gloucestershire.gov.uk

To find out more about how we support people please visit our website
www.forwardsgloucestershire.co.uk
Or contact 07825 024692

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Forwards Employment Service



Who are we?

Forwards is an all age, all disability employment service. Our vision is to enable people with disabilities and health conditions to achieve their employment aspirations. We do this by providing individuals with the structured support they need that promotes independence and fulfils their ambitions. Our service is defined by the success of our customers.

We work closely with a number of partners, from health providers to employers and voluntary bodies. Forwards provides access to many organisations who can help with all aspects of returning to work, including money and budget management, and benefits advice.

We're also here to help those facing challenges whilst in employment or employers who have job opportunities or require advice on how to make reasonable adjustments.



Our Services

Forwards 1:1 Service

We have a team of specialist Job Brokers who provide intensive support to individuals known to Adult Social Care and Children Services.

Job Brokers meet with their customers on a regular basis, sourcing work experience placements to increase confidence and develop work skills, whilst also engaging with local employers to identify suitable paid opportunities.

Customers are also offered bespoke courses to prepare them for the world of employment.

When someone starts work we will ensure that in-work support and advice is provided for the individual and the employer.

We also offer appointments in the community. Please see website for further details.

Forwards Work Clubs

Work Clubs provide practical support for people with a work limiting health condition or disability.

The Work clubs are delivered weekly in the following areas:

Cheltenham	Gloucester	Stroud
Coleford	Newent	Dursley

Please visit our website for location, days and times

In Work Support

When someone starts work we will ensure that they have the support to do their job.

This involves using TSI (Training in systematic instruction) trained job coaches to provide on the job coaching and to also support the employer. When the job coaching has finished we will continue to work with people as long as needed.

GEM Navigator Developer

Forwards works in partnership with The Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Project. The Project aims to engage with and support individuals within Gloucestershire who are currently dealing with circumstances that are potentially causing barriers to work and move these people closer towards education, training, volunteering or work, including self-employment.

We have two Navigator Developers within the team whose specialisms include working with people who have health conditions and caring responsibilities.

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