



Clued-Up: On The Doorstep

On the Doorstep operates in Halbeath/Inverkeithing/Rosyth areas. On The Doorstep is a project which provides access to IT and support.

The purpose of this initiative is preventative work aimed at offering an easily accessible point which will attempt to educate and prepare individuals within communities who will be affected by the bedroom tax, welfare reforms and increased claimant commitment activity requirements. This will equip participants with access to the internet to ensure they can search for work effectively and avoid benefit sanctions. The On The Doorstep mobile initiative works together with the Naloxone Co-ordinator from NHS Fife Addiction Services who can provide on the spot training and supplies of naloxone.

A vital element of this project is to provide key services and to engage with the hardest to reach individuals within their own communities, who would be considered to be at stage 1 of the Opportunities Fife Employability Pathway. This initiative also encourage those furthest from the job market to take the first step back into learning. This project aims to develop confidence/skills and reduce isolation for participants within their local community. On The Doorstep targets hard to reach participants who encounter a number of barriers which can disengage them from traditional formal and informal learning opportunities.

We will also be able to provide on the spot referrals to services such as debt management, family support and triage referrals into ADP services. We can also arrange call backs from the Scottish Welfare Fund and can assist participants to contact landlords regarding housing/housing benefit issues.

A part of refining how we deliver this project, we have devised a new model of delivery which will see us offer each area in Fife with significant SIMD communities receiving 12 sessions over a 6 week period, this means we will be actively targeting areas/streets which fall into SIMD quintile 1.

Halbeath/Inverkeithing/Rosyth area will be the next towns for delivering the service – we will begin sessions on 19th May and will operate each Tuesday and Thursday until 25th June. We have distributed posters and flyers to various shops, chemists and community venues also doing detached work and speaking to local people in order to promote the service. The areas we will park are: Halbeath Main Street, Inverkeithing High Street, Fraser Avenue, Camdean, Queensferry Road shops, Sherbrooke shops and Burnside Crescent

If you have any further questions or would like to speak to us about this service please get in touch on 01592 858238.