

Statement Regarding South Yorkshire Connexions Universal Delivery

From April 2007, the responsibility for commissioning Information Advice and Guidance services for young people aged 13 to 19 (and for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities up to age 24) and the funding that goes with that responsibility, was devolved from the Connexions South Yorkshire Partnership to the Local Authorities in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham.

Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Local Authorities are currently collaborating to review current models of delivery with a view to reshaping and recommissioning Connexions services. Contracts will be awarded to successful service providers by 1st April 2009. Following a lead-in period of 6 months, full service delivery will commence 1st September 2009.

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Timetable for Re-Commissioning

The 3 Authorities have agreed a timetable for procurement, which meets the requirements of EU Procurement directives, and this is broadly as follows:

Invitations to Tender advertised	Jul 08
Pre-Qualification Questionnaires returned to Authority	Sep 08
Invitations to Tender issued	Oct 08
Tenders evaluated	Feb 09
New contracts awarded in	Mar 09
Successful providers commence delivery	Sep 09

Please note that these timescales may be subject to minor changes