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Dear ██████████

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to supported employment services and supported internships.

You have requested the following information:

1. What was your local authority's actual expenditure in 2017-18, 2018-19 and what is the budgeted expenditure in 2019-20 on:

a) Supported Employment services

£226,293	2017-18 expenditure
£228,462	2018-19 expenditure
£235,985	Budgeted 2019-20 expenditure

b) Supported internship provision?

£65,336	2017-18 expenditure
£45,572	2018-19 expenditure
£108,231	Budgeted 2019-20 expenditure

2. Can any resident in your authority area be referred to Supported Employment provision or is access restricted to only those people who are receiving services through adult social care?

Since January 2017 Coventry's supported employment provision has been part funded and delivered through a multi partner ESF funded programme. Access to support is open to all Coventry residents that meet the ESF eligibility criteria and have a disability or health condition, this includes people receiving services through adult social care.

3. On what did your authority spend the 2018-19 Department for Education Preparation for Employment Grant?

The 2018-19 preparation for employment grant was ring-fenced and carried into the 2019-20 financial year.

It has been used to part fund an innovative supported internship programme across four major employers as part of a Local Authority/Special School Partnership. The money has been applied to the costs of employing a supported internship co-ordinator and four permanent job coaches.

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Yours sincerely

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