



Communities for Work Case Study 2 – Mrs B

Mrs B is a married with 4 children. Three of the four children are in full time education; the youngest child is under the age of one.

Mrs B has a work limiting health condition and one of her children has health issues that impact on her day to day life. She has been out of employment for approx. two years overall living in an area of high deprivation. Mrs. B wanted to illustrate to her children, you can be successful regardless of where you are brought up.

The mentor supported Mrs. B to prepare for an upcoming interview, by advising her on clothing, discussing the type of questions she may be asked and setting up a mock interview with two colleagues. Mrs B's interview was successful and she was offered a full time position.

The Communities for Work mentor also provided advice about management of finances and about how she paid her bills by setting up a bills account and the setting up of saving accounts was also discussed.

Mrs B is now happily settled in her new job and is looking forward to the future.

Mrs B's husband also received the support of Communities for Work and as a result, has set up his own business and become self-employed.

Good Practice

- Joint working to provide a holistic approach to the support Mrs B.
- Mock interview, was very beneficial and a confidence booster.
- Mrs B. had reassurance that she could run a household and provide for her family without being on a benefit.
- Linking in to other agencies/projects/organisations who could offer financial support. Exploring different employment opportunities to find what suits/meets the participants requirements.