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Unfortunately I have been disabled by technology in that I failed to download the executive summary.

I would hope to recommend that the government matches the average European spending on supporting people with disabilities in employment.

A recent TUC report shows that govt. spending is currently at 5 times below this average. Working may reduce the poverty trap experienced by most disabled people who are dependent on benefits. From my own experience as a disabled worker I can also say that employment gives a more healthy outlook with increased social confidence.

As part of my current job, I have become aware of the practises of other European countries which I feel could be adopted if government are serious about tackling this problem:

Germany guarantee that those with disabilities will not be worse off when entering employment and losing some benefits. This is not the case in the UK.

Other Countries like New Zealand and Canada have projects running which cater exclusively for more disabled people seeking employment in Public Sector or State posts. Although the UK have some good policies I would argue the public demonstration of disabled people in employment in government jobs is particularly weak.

I hope this is put some use.

Kind regards

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