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Mr Phil Flanagan has asked:

To ask the Minister for Employment and Learning for a breakdown of the top 25 organisations, ranked by the number of individuals each has taken on through the Steps to Work programme, in each year since its inception.

ANSWER

Steps to Work (StW) is my Department's main adult return to work programme, the aim of which is to assist people to find and sustain employment. The programme is delivered throughout Northern Ireland by a network of contracted organisations, known as Lead Contractors, over 10 contract areas. Each contracted provider is supported in delivering the programme through a network of sub-contractors.



The Department collates statistics on the programme at a contracted provider/contract management area level. Data is not gathered at a sub-contractor level. Details on the number of participants starting the programme, for each Lead Contractor are detailed in the attached Annex .

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stephen Farry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and the last name "Farry" clearly legible.

DR STEPHEN FARRY MLA

Minister for Employment and Learning

Participants Starting Steps to Work with a Lead Contractor (Sep 2008 - Sep 2013) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁵⁾

Lead Contractor	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Apr-Jun 13	Jul-Sep 13	Total
SOUTH WEST COLLEGE (WESTERN)	370	1,385	2,025	2,335	2,660	775	635	10,180
SPRINGVALE LEARNING (WEST BELFAST)	695	1,805	2,195	2,370	1,950	550	450	10,015
NETWORK PERSONNEL (NORTH WEST)	190	1,230	1,485	1,835	1,850	505	465	7,555
WADE TRAINING (SOUTHERN)	240	690	1,015	1,790	2,435	655	605	7,430
PEOPLE FIRST (SOUTH EASTERN)	260	850	1,285	1,610	1,860	565	515	6,940
BRYSON FUTURESKILLS (NORTH BELFAST)	240	840	1,180	1,755	1,605	425	355	6,400
A4E (ANTRIM) LTD. from 27/06/11	0	0	0	1,880	2,415	745	650	5,695
SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL COLLEGE (NORTH DOWN)	130	430	830	1,145	1,060	365	225	4,180
TWL (STW - ANTRIM) ended 31/03/11	275	1,080	1,915	620	0	0	0	3,885
BRYSON FUTURESKILLS (SOUTH AND EAST BELFAST) from 27/06/11	0	0	0	1,360	1,570	405	280	3,615
TWL (EAST AND SOUTH BELFAST) ended 31/03/11	235	755	1,305	435	0	0	0	2,730
NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE (STW) from 25/07/11 to 30/09/12	0	0	0	1,290	1,415	0	0	2,705
BRYSON FUTURESKILLS FOYLE from 01/10/12	0	0	0	0	1,340	720	345	2,405
Total	2,635	9,060	13,225	18,430	20,165	5,710	4,525	73,745

Notes:

- (1) Figures are rounded to the nearest 5. Due to rounding figures may not sum to totals.
- (2) Figures include all STW activities managed by Lead Contractors.
- (3) If a participant starts any STW activity with more than one Lead Contractor during a StW episode then each Lead Contractor is counted separately.
- (4) If a participant starts more than one STW activity with the same Lead Contractor during a StW episode then the Lead Contractor is only counted once