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Key:

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| aacs | adult advancement and careers service |
| BERR | Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform |
| CLG | Communities and Local Government |
| DCSF | Department for Children, Schools and Families |
| DH | Department of Health |
| DIUS | Department for Innovations, Universities and Skills |
| DWP | Department for Work and Pensions |
| JCP | Jobcentre Plus |
| LSC | Learning and Skills Council |

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| Parents | | |
| Consultation on whether the Skills Health Check should be mandatory for lone parents | JCP, DWP, DIUS | Early 2008 |
| Review of how to extend the right to request flexible working to parents of older children | BERR | Spring 2008 |
| Introduce group seminars for lone parents nationally | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Jobcentre Plus will aim, where possible, to guarantee lone parents who are willing and able to work a job interview with an employer | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Support and guidance from a personal adviser available for all lone parents who have moved into work | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| National rollout of the In Work Emergency Discretion Fund | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Pilot of the provision of upfront childcare costs in London | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Extend In Work Credit to all lone parents | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Pilot of In Work Credit and retention package for lone parents | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Legal duty on local authorities in England and Wales to secure sufficient childcare to meet the needs of their local communities, in particular those on low incomes and with disabled children, takes effect | DCSF, local authorities | April 2008 |

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| New Deal for Partners strengthened by increasing number of Work Focused Interviews | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Introduce quarterly Work Focused Interviews for lone parents in the last year before their child reaches the age where they are no longer entitled to Income Support | JCP, DWP | From October 2008 |
| Lone parents with a youngest child aged 12 or over will no longer be entitled to Income Support solely on the grounds of being a lone parent | JCP, DWP | October 2008 |
| Extend Work Trials for up to six weeks for those taking part in the New Deal for Lone Parents | JCP, DWP | Late 2008 |
| Child maintenance disregard in main income-related benefits to rise to £20 per week | DWP | By end 2008 |
| Lone parents with a youngest child aged 10 or over will no longer be entitled to Income Support solely on the grounds of being a lone parent | JCP, DWP | October 2009 |
| Skills screen for all new lone parent Income Support claimants as part of Work Focused Interview, and encourage attendance at full Skills Health Check | JCP, DWP, DIUS, aacs | 2009-11 |
| Child maintenance disregard in main income-related benefits to rise to £40 per week | DWP | From April 2010 |
| Lone parents with a youngest child aged seven or over will no longer be entitled to Income Support solely on the grounds of being a lone parent | JCP, DWP | October 2010 |
| Every school in England to be an extended school | DCSF | 2010 |
| Jobseekers | | |
| Back to Work Seminar pilots | JCP, DWP | Early 2008 |
| Flexible New Deal procurement activity begins | DWP | Spring 2008 |
| Pilot a better off in work credit | JCP, DWP | October 2008 |
| Contracts awarded and contract start-up activity | DWP and contractors | Early spring 2009 |
| Changes by Jobcentre Plus to implement new Jobseeker's Allowance regime | JCP | April 2009 |

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| First customers referred to contracted flexible New Deal | JCP, DWP, contractors | October 2009 |
| Potential extension of a better off in work credit | JCP, DWP | 2009 |
| Skills screen for all new Jobseeker's Allowance customers | JCP, DWP | 2009-10 |
| In trial areas, pilot mandatory Skills Health Checks for long-term Jobseeker's Allowance customers | JCP, DWP, DIUS, aacs | 2009-10 |
| Training allowances for long-term Jobseeker's Allowance customers to attend intensive employability focused training of up to eight weeks | JCP, DWP | 2009-10 |
| Pilot mandatory basic skills and job-focused training courses for Jobseeker's Allowance customers who have been on benefit for six months | JCP, DWP, DIUS, LSC | 2009-10 |
| Disabled people and people with health conditions | | |
| Publication of the review of the health of Britain's working age population led by the National Director for Health and Work, Dame Carol Black | DWP, DH | Early 2008 |
| Pathways to Work available across Britain to anyone on incapacity benefits | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Return to Work Credit of £40 per week tax free for a year available to everyone eligible who moves into work | JCP, DWP | April 2008 |
| Introduction of the Employment and Support Allowance | JCP, DWP | October 2008 |
| Introduction of mandatory Pathways to Work interviews and the new Work Capability Assessment for existing Incapacity Benefit customers who are under 25 | JCP, DWP | 2009 |
| Remove Housing Benefit learning restrictions for short-term Incapacity Benefit customers to allow them to study full time | JCP, DWP | 2009 |

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| Skills screen for Employment and Support Allowance customers soon after the start of claim and, where appropriate, a mandatory Skills Health Check at a later point in claim | JCP, DWP | 2009-11 |
| Young people not in work, education or training | | |
| Extend early entry to the New Deal for 18 year olds with a previous history of not being in work, education or training on a voluntary basis | JCP, DWP, DCSF | April 2008 |
| Extend a mandatory early entry to the flexible New Deal for 18 year olds who have not been in work, education or training for six months | JCP, DWP, DCSF | April 2009 |
| Commissioning and Local Employment Partnerships | | |
| Publish DWP commissioning strategy | DWP | February 2008 |
| Pilots to test enhancing links between housing organisations and Jobcentre Plus services | DWP, JCP, CLG | 2008 |
| The new Working Neighbourhoods Fund, jointly sponsored by DWP and CLG, will help to focus support and encourage enterprise in areas with high unemployment | DWP, CLG | 2008-11 |
| Local Employment Partnerships to help 250,000 people into work | DWP, LEP partners | End of 2010 |
| Benefit reform | | |
| Publish further details of our approach to benefit reform | DWP | 2008 |
| Older workers | | |
| Review of default retirement age | DWP, BERR | 2011 |
| Integrating Employment and Skills | | |
| UK Commission for Employment and Skills operational | DIUS, DWP, working with Devolved Administrations | April 2008 |

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| Trial aspects of an integrated employment and skills service, including: new screening process for literacy, numeracy, language and employability skills; new adult advancement and careers service; Skills Health Check; and Skills Accounts for benefit customers | JPC, DWP, LSC, DIUS | 2008-09 |
| Suite of robust operational targets for JCP and LSC, to underpin the shared DWP/DIUS objective of delivering sustainable employment and progression | JPC, DWP, LSC, DIUS | 2009 |
| New adult advancement and careers service fully operational | DIUS, DWP | 2010-11 |
| Integrated employment and skills system fully operational | JCP, DWP, LSC, DIUS | 2010-11 |