Additional funding and access to work

Employers could be eligible for a payment of \pounds 1,000 for young apprentices, aged 16-18 years old, or apprentices aged 19-24, who have previously been in care or who have a local authority education, health and care plan and may need extra support.

Access to Work is a government scheme available to all disabled members of staff, or staff with learning difficulties and disabilities (LDD), including apprentices. While individuals should apply for Access to Work themselves, employers can signpost to the application and offer support. Find out more about the scheme on the Access to Work web pages.

The Department for Education (DfE) has published guidance on how to support apprentices with a learning difficulty or disability, including the funding options available.

Employers can receive up to £150 a month for additional learning needs where evidence of costs can be provided. There is also funding available which can go directly to the apprentice. There is more information about the funding available on the UK government website.