

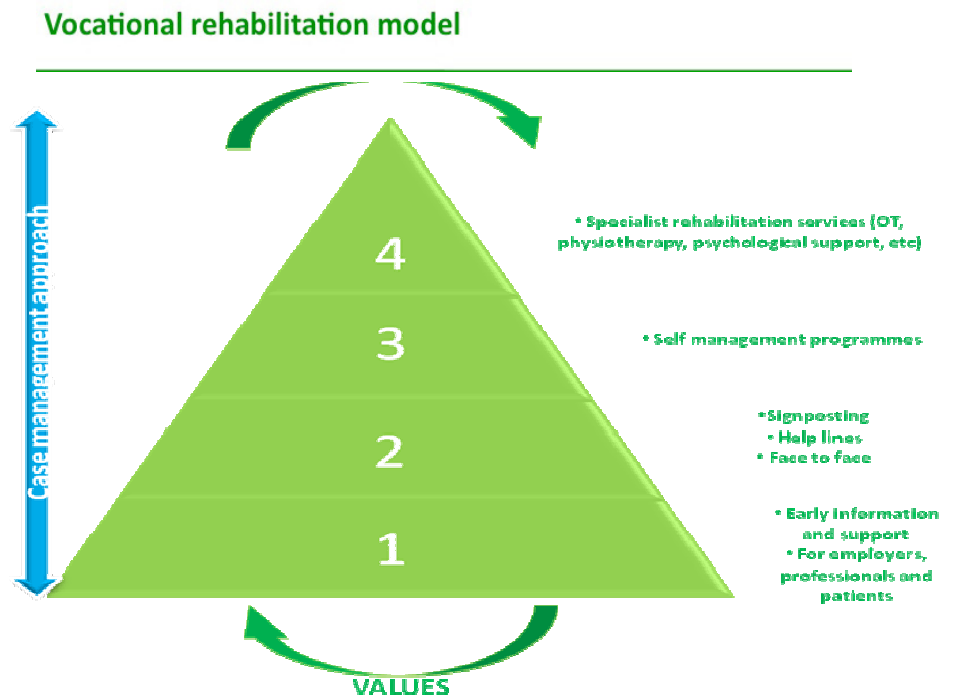
# Work and Finance Workstream

## Key Messages

- Information and advice about work and financial support is not included in care pathways
- Vocational rehabilitation services for people who want to return to work after cancer treatment is largely non-existent
- Employers don't know how to support staff who have cancer
- Less than 50% of patients are advised by cancer doctors about the impact of treatment on their work
- Only 50% of patients are offered flexible working by their employers
- 80% of employers are unaware that cancer is covered by the DDA
- 77% of cancer patients receive no information about welfare benefits

## What has the workstream been doing?

- Reviewed the evidence base on work and financial issues
- Developed a vocational rehabilitation model for cancer
- Commissioned a study to explore whether/how far DWP employment programmes meet the needs of cancer patients
- Working closely with Macmillan's Working Through Cancer pilot to develop and test a toolkit of resources for employers
- Gap analysis of information products, and priorities for new product development identified



## Next Steps

- Commission large scale population study on work and cancer
- Develop and test tools to support needs assessment about work and finance for use from diagnosis onwards
- Review and develop work content on information prescription website
- Develop new information products and strategy for increasing employer awareness of work and cancer information resources
- Run vocational rehabilitation pilots
- Scoping study to understand specific cancer and work issues affecting small businesses