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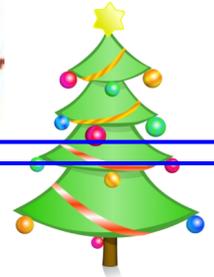
***'Fit for Work' scheme to be scrapped***

If you have ever experienced a long term sick employee, then you may have utilised the scheme introduced in September 2015, which was designed to get the long term sick back to work sooner.

It offered impartial advice to employers, and occupational health assessments for employees who were off ill for four or more weeks – aiming to reduce the bill for long-term sickness by getting individuals back to work as early as possible. However, the scheme has been beset by poor take-up and complaints from employers that felt it either replicated their own occupational health efforts or was too poorly publicised to have a significant impact on long-term illness. A white paper entitled [Improving lives: the future of work, health and disability](#), states that Fit for Work's assessment services will end in England and Wales on 31 March 2018.

Employers, employees and GPs will continue to have access to its helpline, website and web chat service, which offer general health and work advice, as well as sickness absence support.

So what went wrong? - In August, a survey run on behalf of People Management by GP magazine revealed that around **two-thirds (65 per cent)** of GPs had not referred a single person under the Fit for Work scheme in the last year.



**Highlight on Candidates December 2017**

**Candidate 7170**

**FLT Reach / Counter balance / S-Cape**

A versatile production operative, with current FLT licenses and HABC level 2 food in manufacturing. Currently looking for new opportunities.

**Candidate 7171**

**IT Support Specialist**

A specialist with over 20 years of IT support for multi-national company dealing with complex infrastructure solutions and maintenance in live operations for systems accessed by 100,000 users. Professional attitude and an asset to any organisation with complex IT structures.

**Candidate 7165**

**Administrator / PA**

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