

8 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - EMPLOYMENT DISABILITY UNIT - REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH NETWORK (AN361-2005)

The Employment Disability Unit (EDU) has received a formal request to be part of an International Research Network to investigate the barriers which disabled people encounter when trying to secure employment through the open labour market.

A request has been made by the Work Research Institute in Oslo, Norway, for funding through the Norwegian Research Council and, if approved, the project will commence in 2006. The partnership will consist of five European research institutes and the EDU would be the only UK representative and the only partner who are active practitioners. All costs for travel, subsistence and wages will be funded by the Norwegian Research Council.

The Committee's approval is requested.