

Government support provider makes move to Monks Cross site to deliver new jobseeker scheme

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DWP support provider Reed in Partnership has taken significant office space on the outskirts of York.

The organisation is to provide the Restart Scheme for jobseekers in the North East and Humber regions.

Helmsley Group's Arabesque House at Monks Cross will host the team, with 6,200 sq ft taken. They join Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, Drivespeed Group, TCS John Huxley, Eurofins and Anytime Fitness at the out-of-town location.

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George Baines, asset manager of the York-based property development and investment company, said: "This is an important letting to Reed in Partnership as it delivers a flagship government programme.

"Arabesque House continues to prove popular with businesses, especially those that require out of town space and are

adopting flexible working practices in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.”

The Restart Scheme will provide Universal Credit claimants who have been out of work for at least 12 months with enhanced support to find jobs in their local area.



Arabesque House.

(Image: Helmsley Group)

It forms part of the government’s Plan for Jobs, which is helping people across the country – many of whom have had their employment status impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Reed in Partnership will undertake its own fit out of the office space.

Of the win, Rhodri Thomas, managing director of Reed in

Partnership, said: “The launch of the Restart Scheme for jobseekers today will provide new and timely support for those who need help to start working.

“The Covid-19 pandemic has caused disruption and employment difficulties for so many people. The Restart Scheme is an important service for helping people to overcome the difficulties of the last 18 months and build a better future for themselves and their families.

“We have worked closely with the Department for Work and Pensions and our delivery partners to develop a service that responds to the needs of jobseekers – whatever their individual circumstances may be.

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"We will help thousands of people to change their lives for the better through new and sustainable work."

The letting also follows the DWP taking almost 25,000 sq ft of space at Helmsley's Princess House in Northampton earlier this year.

Savills and Bowcliffe are jointly acting as agents to market the remaining space.

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