Our A4e Story...

2012

2011

A4e diversifies services in Australia to deliver skills training in prisons

A4e launches its Money Advice Services in England and Northern Ireland

In June 2011 A4e was awarded 5 Work Programme prime contracts and a further 5 opportunities as a subcontractor

2010

Vox continues to grow across 11 regions of the UK

A4e wins Jobcentre Plus Support Contracts across 6 regions

A4e completes its first acquisition in Australia. AETS is a registered training organisation delivering skills development and training across 3 states; NSW, Victoria & Tasmania.

A4e is selected to run a skills-based vocational training programme in India to improve the lives of an initial group of people across 6 states

2009

A4e Insight, A4e's consultancy arm, is created

A4e sets up Community Legal Advice centres in Hull and Leicester to provide legal advice relating to debt, family, employment, housing and benefits issues

Vox, A4e's rebranded Life Academy offer of alternative education, expands across 6 further locations

Flexible New Deal phase1 is launched with A4e as the largest DWP supplier, delivering in 5 contract areas

2008

A4e opens 2 ESF programmes in Poland to help the long-term unemployed back into work

2007

A4e has substantial growth in financial inclusion market, with a range of new customers including HM Treasury, Financial Services Authority, and Primary Care Trusts.

The FSI is created to share learning and help build long-term capacity of the Third Sector

A4e is appointed Lead Provider in four Pathways to Work areas across the UK, placing A4e at the forefront of welfare reform in the UK

A4e significantly expands in Learning and Skills vocational training services, opening new offices across Northern Ireland and building footprint across all 9 English regions.

2006

A4e establishes welfare and employment operations in Germany, the first for-profit operator to pilot these services

A4e is awarded contracts in five regions to operate the flagship Train to Gain service, becoming the second largest independent provider of services on behalf of the LSC

A4e grows in youth and schools market with the acquisition of seven contracted services in the North East

A4e is the only UK operator of welfare and employment services to enter the French employment market, supporting 5,600 people back into long term employment

A4e becomes the largest independent sector provider of offender learning and skills services in prisons across four regions

A4e secures largest suite of New Deal contracts awarded to any operator, responsible for supporting 25,000 New Deal clients back into long term, meaningful employment

2005

A4e becomes part of Strategic Framework agreement with the Home Office to manage and administer funds targeted at the voluntary and community sector

A4e extends services into schools, working with pupils at risk of exclusion through our Life Academies

A4e enters legal services market, targeted in areas of deprivation and disadvantage, managing a range of outreach pilots on behalf of the Legal Services Commission

A4e grows its outreach services with the socially excluded, particularly on behalf of local authorities; including Direct Payment Social Care and Outreach Welfare Benefits and Debt Advice services

2004

A4e enters the work based learning market in Wales, becoming the largest provider of provision on behalf of Education and Learning Wales

A4e builds market position in working with incapacity benefit claimants, managing IB Reform pilots working in partnership with the NHS and Jobcentre Plus

A4e continues its growth in the demand-led training market, securing managing agency style services in managing Employer Training Pilots for LSCs

A4e enters information, advice and guidance market; also rapidly expanding its outreach services managing the direct payment conversion service on behalf of DWP

A4e becomes an international provider of welfare reform service, securing a £multi-million contact to deliver employment, enterprise and training services on behalf of the Government of Israel

2003

A4e secures first 'managing agency' style service procured by the Learning and Skills Council.

A4e expands welfare & employment services through multiple European Social Fund contracts

A4e builds strategic management services and manages the 'learndirect Hub' network in North London

2002

A4e retains strategically important New Deal Private Sector Led contract and continues to expand its welfare and employment services, consolidating position in local labour markets

Development of vocational learning services provides apprenticeships and NVQs to young people and adults in the workplace

A4e is successful in entering the childcare market, securing a £multi-million contract with the SureStart Unit to provide business support to childcare providers nationally

2001

A4e moves into market leading position as the provider of Jobcentre Plus funded provision, opening 35 new employment centres delivering welfare to work services across England and Scotland

A4e enters the business support and enterprise market, as the first private sector operator to secure a Business Link franchise, and the first of any type to operate two – in Humber and County Durham

2000

Consolidation within the welfare to work market, expanding delivery locations across the UK, particularly in the North

A4e is successful in securing flagship New Deal Private Sector Led contracts, providing sub-regional management of New Deal provision on behalf of Jobcentre Plus

1999

A4e is award contract to operate the 'ONE' service in Cheshire, the forerunner to Jobcentre Plus, providing support services to 103,000 benefit claimants

1997

A4e secures first New Deal contract

1994

A4e delivers pilot programmes for unemployed people in South Yorkshire

1991

A4e was started by Emma Harrison and Mark Lovell

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