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16th Century

- Licence to beg.
- Parish Workhouses.
- House of Correction.

America’s Civil War

Sanitary Commission - 1862

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20th Century
- Sheltered workshops, substitute work.
- Social Security more complex, ways to help people RTW again.
- Labour market changes.
- Rising population of aging workforce

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- 2010 change in Government
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Policy 2011

Long Term Conditions
- Scottish Government. 10 Approaches ...better outcomes...Long Term Conditions: Improving Care Pathways. April 2010.
  - Part 6 rehabilitation and VR

General Standards
- Vocational Rehabilitation Association Standards
- UK Rehabilitation Council Standards
- ICF Core sets VR
- Research programme recommendations