

## Briefing note

### Funding factors used in the Learner Information Suite (LIS)

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1. This note sets out how the funding factors in the LIS link to those in the 16-19 allocation for 2011/12.
2. In most cases, the funding factors are identical to those used in allocations – however, in two cases the funding factors used in the LIS will be slightly different from those in allocations. These differences ensure that the additional funding for disadvantage and ALS included in the allocation is taken into account in LIS reporting.
3. The additional funding for disadvantage and ALS comes from £150 million of savings, which have been re-invested to increase the funding available to support the most disadvantaged learners.
4. If an allocation includes funding from this money, it has been shown separately on the statement as 'Additional 16-18 funding for disadvantage' (box C4) and 'Additional 16-19 funding for ALS' (box C5).

#### Adjustment factor

5. The adjustment factor is used to reflect the amount of extra disadvantage funding in the allocation (box C4). This means that this funding is earned alongside other 16-19 funding through the funding reports in the LIS. The provider factor in the LIS is then adjusted accordingly, and will be higher than that shown on an allocation statement.
6. The adjusted provider factor can be calculated from information included in the allocation statement as follows.

$$\text{adjustment factor} = 1 + \left( \frac{\text{additional 16-18 funding for disadvantage (C4)}}{\text{SLN (B1)}} \div \frac{\text{national rate per SLN (£2,920)}}{\text{provider factor (K)}} \right)$$

$$\text{adjusted provider factor} = \text{provider factor (K)} \times \text{adjustment factor}$$

7. The overall impact is that the total programme funding, excluding transitional protection (the equivalent of box C6 on the allocation statement) will then be generated through applying the formula.

$$\text{SLN} \times \text{£2,920} \times \text{adjusted provider factor} = \text{funding}$$

**ALS rate per SLN**

8. The ALS rate per SLN in the LIS is the average allocated ALS per SLN for low cost ALS learners only. This includes the low cost ALS in box D1 and the additional ALS in box D5, divided by the total low cost SLN in box B1. Where a sixth form college has any additional low cost ALS for 19+ continuing learners, this is also taken into account. This figure will then be multiplied by the actual low cost SLN generated by the LIS to give the total low cost ALS figure shown in the LR Funding Claim Report in the LIS.
9. ALS for high cost learners is calculated directly from the ILR using the ALSCost field.