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Learning for Living and Work

Easy read version

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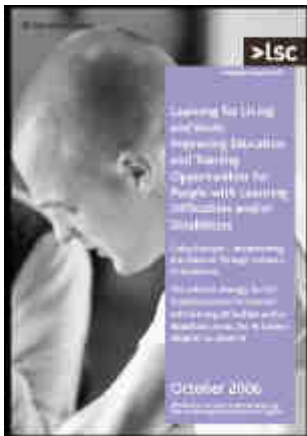
About the LSC



The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) plans and pays for further education and training for people in England.



This is an easy read version of a plan from the LSC about courses for people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities.



The full plan is called 'Learning for Living and Work'. You can find the full plan on our website:



www.lsc.gov.uk



In 2005, we wrote a report about courses for people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities. The report was called 'Through Inclusion to Excellence'.



The report said that we would make plans to make courses better for people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities. This booklet is about the plans we have made.

What we want to do



There are more people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities going to college, and we think this number will grow.



We want people to be able to learn things that will be useful to them in their lives and in work.



We want people to learn how to do the things they want to do. This helps people to live more independently and to get jobs.



We want to make sure the teaching on courses for living and work gets better.



We want the way that courses are run and how they are paid for to be easy to understand.



By 2015, we want England to have the best further education for people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities.



To do this we need to work together with others on our six-point plan.

Our plan



1 Talking to learners

We want learners themselves to help us make our plans for further education.



We will set up a National Learners with Disabilities Panel in 2007. It will work closely with the National Learners' Panel and the LSC to make sure we understand the needs of learners with disabilities.



2 Planning

In 2007, we will find out more about what people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities need.



We will also make plans for how to spend money on better and more local courses.



By 2010, we will use new ways to talk about learning difficulties and learning disabilities in our records on learners.

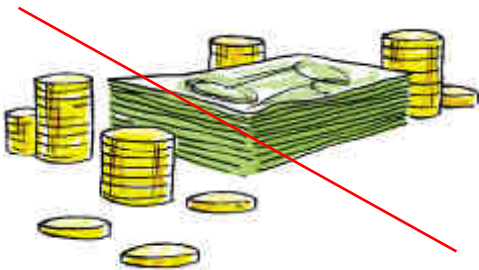


3 Good courses

By 2008, we will have a plan to make sure that all further education teachers and support staff for people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities are fully qualified.



This will happen by 2010.



By 2008, we will stop paying for courses that are not good enough.



By 2007, we will give an award to some colleges that are good at putting on courses for people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities.



This will be called a Centre of Excellence Award and will show that a course is very good.

4 Paying for courses

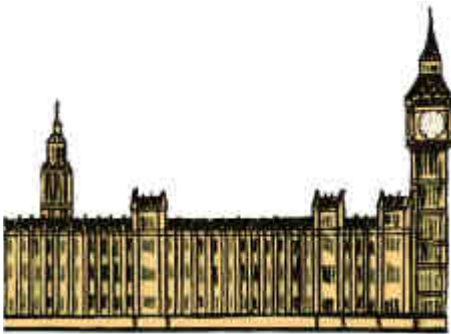


In 2007, we will find out more about how much it costs to support people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities on courses. This will help us plan for people who want to go to college.



Between 2008 and 2010, we will start paying for courses in new ways.

5 Working with partners



In 2007, we will agree how the Government will pay for courses and how we will all work together.



We will also look at whether it is a good idea to have colleges based in the same place.



We think this will help teachers from one place teach people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities in another place or college.



6 People learning

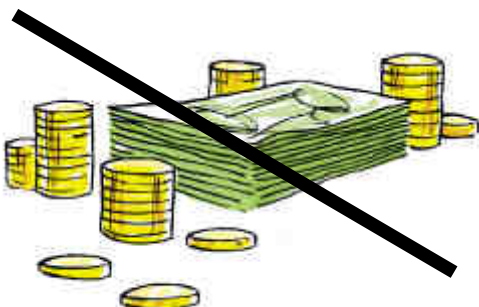
In 2006, we will look at what people learn on 'work preparation' and 'independent living skills' courses.



We will also look at the support people need. We will use what we find out to help us make courses better.



In 2007, we will work with employers in some areas to see if giving support to people at work is a good idea. This is called 'supported employment'.



By September 2010, we will stop paying for 'work preparation' courses for people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities if they do not also include learning and support at work.

The future



More money will be spent on making courses better for people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities. This will help people:



- to be a part of their communities



- to live more independently; and



- to learn the skills they need to get work.



We want to look at how well we are doing on these plans. So from 2007, we will ask someone else to do a study and check how well our plans are working.



This will include asking people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities what they think.

Information



How to find out more

If you want to know more about the LSC's plans for learning for living and work, you can visit our website:



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