

Questions from Competitiveness ITT Workshop

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- Q. Swindon specification – Is it possible to use the money to pay individuals an allowance?
- A. ***Yes this is possible, the provider can decide how they wish to use the money.***
- Q. What is the difference between newly redundant and unemployed?
- A. ***Newly redundant is someone who has been made unemployed recently, up to 6 months, compared to someone who has been out of work for a long period of time.***
- Q. With regard to unemployment: what does it take for retraining to achieve the outcome, in particular for participants from specific disadvantaged groups?
- A. ***A focus on long term goals is required, short sharp training can be used as a springboard to get individuals back into employment.***
- Q. Are there going to be more programme led apprenticeships made available (not just 16-18)? And if so, where do you look for them?
- A. ***Any new specifications will be published on Bravo***
- Q. Considering the weight of importance on question 6 on the specification, is 10,000 characters enough for all the issues to be covered?
- A. ***Yes we think this is enough for the key points to be explained.***
- Q. If a participant at the end of their training takes up an apprenticeship with another organisation, does it count as an achievement?
- A. ***Yes this is fine.***
- Q. Does the costing spreadsheet let you specify what percentage of learners will have different guided learning hour levels?
- A. ***No but this can be established at the pre-contract negotiation.***
- Q. What happens if you have more or less learners than you had on the spreadsheet?
- A. ***The profile will be adjusted accordingly, which will affect payments***
- Q. Are the people defined as ‘professional executives’ eligible for Train 2 Gain?
- A. ***Yes if they meet the Train 2 Gain criteria***
- Q. Is there a definition of ‘notice of redundancy’?
- A. ***Notice of redundancy has to be in writing from the employer.***
- Q. If a provider is unsuccessful in all areas of their single tender could they get funding for part of a consortium – particularly if it’s not their normal field of training?
- A. ***Yes this is possible and each tender will be looked at individually.***