

YPLA Board Paper Summary

YPLA National Commissioning Framework

Update on Progress, Key Issues and Next Steps

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Issue

This paper sets out the process that has been followed to date in preparing the National Commissioning Framework for publication and identifies some key issues that will require further attention and additional work by the YPLA.

Reason for Bringing this to the YPLA Board

Section 72 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act (ASCLA 2010) commits the YPLA to issue guidance to local authorities about the performance of their new duties under the Education Act 1996 to secure education and training provision for all 16-19 year olds and 19 – 25 year olds with learning difficulties and / or disabilities (LLDD). This guidance will take effect through the National Commissioning Framework, which comprises a core document to outline the system and a set of technical annexes that define the roles and responsibilities and the detailed processes required to plan and fund provision. The YPLA Committee of the LSC approved the publication of the NCF and this happened on 1st April 2010. However, the YPLA Board must formally approve and endorse the publication of this guidance. There are also some ongoing key issues to address.

Summary of Proposals

The NCF will be supported by a formal response by the YPLA to issues raised in the formal consultation, a Single Equality Impact Assessment (SEIA), and there will be a short summary version of the NCF.

There are some key issues that will require review by the Board and further work by the YPLA:

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- Complexity – the YPLA must ensure that we keep systems under review and eliminate any unnecessary bureaucracy.
- Timetable – the YPLA will address any risks arising from delays in the process through a series of mitigating actions including contingency plans and local level health checks.
- In Year Adjustment of Allocations – formal proposals on the operation of in year adjustment of allocations will be brought to the YPLA Board.
- LLDD – the YPLA will work with key stakeholders to develop additional detailed guidance.
- Public Procurement – further work with stakeholders is required to manage any risks relating to the need for education and training provision to be subject to public procurement guidelines.

Recommendation

The recommendations to the YPLA Board are:

- to review and comment on progress with the NCF;
- to review and comment on the key issues that are identified; and
- to formally endorse the publication of the NCF.