



Young People's
Learning Agency

YPLA 16-19 Funding Statement For 2012-13 Financial Year

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The Funding Statement

- Sets out the estimated number of places to be funded across all types of providers and education/training programmes for young people in the academic year August 2012-July 2013
- Sets out the budget for those places during the financial year April 2012-March 2013
- Sets out information on other non-participation budgets important in education and training such as the 16-19 Bursary Fund
- Sets out any key policy changes from last year or emphasises the continuation of key policies
- Sets out the key stages and timetable for the rest of the allocation round, including initial estimates of lagged learner numbers which will make up the bulk of 16-19 places



The estimated number of places to be funded (England only)

- 1,577,000 in total, an increase of 34,000 over 2011/12 despite a reduction in the 16-18 cohort of over 20,000
- The increase in places is needed to take account of the commitment to full participation by 2015 and so it reflects an increase in the participation rates expected by 16,17 and 18 year olds
- Total figures are calculated based on:
 - an assessment of learners in education/training in 2011/12
 - plus an upwards adjustment for exceptions to lagged funding such as filling a significant gap in local provision
 - plus an upwards adjustment for surplus capacity in any one year for example to take account of a new sixth form college or a new sixth form
- Actual provider level allocations are based on individual provider's learners calculated from the autumn data returns (uplifted for an assessment of whole year recruitment by colleges)



The proposed participation budget (England only)

- £7.528 billion for teaching and learning, a small increase expected over 2011-12
- Over £7.5billion includes:
 - All post-16 school/Academy education provision
 - All college and independent provider provision
 - All Apprenticeships for 16-19 year olds
 - Funding for learners with learning difficulties, including 19-24 year olds with a learning difficulties assessment
- It excludes:
 - All post-16 capital grants
 - Any learner support grants, which are allocated separately to providers depending on the specific support scheme
 - Pre-16 education either at school/Academies or in colleges or independent providers/Independent specialist providers
- Actual individual provider allocations will be made by end March 2012

Key policies: no changes over last year ...

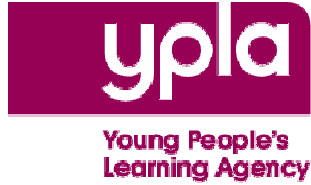
- Minimum change in 2012/13 therefore continue to:
 - Support the drive to full participation
 - Target funding towards disadvantaged learners and those needing additional support
 - Protect funding for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities
 - Manage carefully the transition to a fairer and more transparent system
- No changes to the national 16-19 funding formula in 2012/13 or to the policy of lagged funding (see additional information in slide 9)
- No changes to policy changes in 2011-12 e.g.
 - Retain additional £150m for most disadvantaged young people
 - Protect the size of core programme plus 30 guided learning hours of activity
 - Equalise the funding between schools and colleges for the same activity

... Except for transitional protection

- Amount of transitional protection for 2011/12 policy changes set out in provider allocations March 2011
- Period for transitional protection for policy changes to be extended. Removed in four equal instalments from the 2011/12 start date or at 3% per learner, whichever is the greatest
- In addition to this protection, which is to help providers manage the policy changes, providers will be protected against significant swings due to recent improvements in the quality of success rate data. Reductions in the success factors used in allocations for 2012/13 will be capped at 2%. Increases in success rates will be funded in full
- Transitional protection will not apply to changes in funding because of decreases in learner numbers, nor against changes through the routine operation of the funding formula

Other items of interest

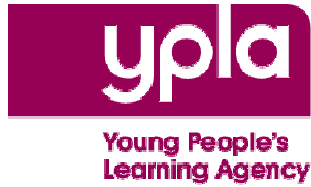
- 16-19 Bursary Fund at £180million for 2012/13 academic year will be allocated alongside participation funding by March 2012
- £164million of European Social Fund activity, which plays a critical role in increasing the engagement of particularly disadvantaged young people, is additional to the funding set out in the Funding Statement
- Other funding announced by the Government as part of the Youth Contract is additional to the funding set out in the Funding Statement.
- Funding arrangements for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and for young people in the youth justice system will remain the same in 2012/13 as for 2011/12



Next steps

Detailed allocations timeline for 2012/13 year set out in the Funding Statement includes:

- January: All providers to receive an initial statement of lagged learner numbers and the number of bursaries for vulnerable learners from the YPLA via the (YPLA) IM Portal with email back-ups
- February: All providers to review data and consider submitting any business cases if necessary for exceptions to lagged learner numbers, high cost ALS, data failures and bursary numbers
- March: YPLA process business cases and issues final allocations including bursary allocations to providers via the IM Portal, and summaries to local authorities



Exceptions to lagged learner numbers (additional information if required)

16-19 education is funded using lagged numbers to increase stability and to make sure providers are funded for growth. There are a few exceptions built into the policy as follows:

Infrastructure changes	New institutions, Mergers, closures Extension of age range in 11-16 schools/Academies
Re-distribution of provision by agreement	Agreed re-allocation of learners (learner number neutral)
Academies	Where Funding Agreements stipulate the use of Provider estimates
Significant provider failure	Performance issues, financial stability, breach of contract



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Questions

