

Lincolnshire and Rutland Sub-Regional Group

Post-16 learner Allocations 2010-11, update.

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1. Introduction

This briefing paper provides an update on the position reported to the Schools' Forum on the 18th January 2010.

Whilst the responsibility for commissioning post-16 education and training passed to Local Authorities as of 1st April 2010 the allocations for the academic year 2010-11 have been made by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and are now the responsibility of its successor organisation the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA).

The information provided is as of the 7th April 2010. There are outstanding issues for a small number of providers that are still being pursued by them with the YPLA and this may alter slightly the final position as reported below.

Under the commissioning framework Lincolnshire County Council is responsible for allocating funding (*within the total funding made available by the YPLA*) for all of the learning that takes place in schools with sixth forms, Further Education colleges (including the University provision), private training providers for foundation learning (including Entry to Employment), Apprenticeship providers (via the National Apprenticeship Service), specialist providers for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities (via the YPLA). This will be fully operative for the academic year 2011-12.

2. Number of 16-18 year olds in main sectors of learning in Lincolnshire revised

In March 2010 an extra 115 learning places have been secured against the East Midlands Regional Planning Group priorities which in line with DCSF policy focuses upon those at risk of not participating post-16 with a small element relating to other local priorities:

Foundation Learning - 80 places
(60 in specialist providers; 20 in school sixth forms (SSF))
Level 2 - 7 places (SSF)
Level 3 - 28 places (SSF)
Total - 115 places
Total number of learning places for 2011/12:

Provider type	08/09	09/10	10/11	10/11 revised
School Sixth Forms*	6649	6955	7428	7474
Foundation Learning – specialist providers	934	1155	1155	1215
Further Education	8176	8554	9558	9567
Apprenticeships	1880	2030	2192	2192
Total 16-18	17639	18694	20333	20448

- figures exclude places at Independent Specialist Providers (LLDD) and Academies

The total percentage increase against the 2009/10 allocation for all provider types is 9.38% (1754 learning places).

The revised figures represent an increase of 7.5% of places in School Sixth Forms and 9.4% in Further Education Institutions over the 2009/10 allocation.

The final total cash allocation for Lincolnshire is not yet available due to unresolved issues affecting a small number of providers related to different aspects of the 2010 LSC funding methodology.

In-year reconciliation - The potential reconciliation in funding for under/over recruitment in 2010/11 has been notified to all providers. There is currently no news on whether this will be implemented and what the criteria are likely to be if it is.

3. Looking forward to 2011/12

The Local Authority will

- directly commission post-16 education and training via School Sixth Forms; FE institutions; Specialist Foundation Learning Providers
- commission via the National Apprenticeship Service for Apprenticeship provision
- negotiate with the YPLA as to the number of post-16 places in academies
- secure via the YPLA specialist places for young people with LLDD

Indications are

- that future funding is likely to be extremely tight and there will be a strong focus upon achieving 100% participation in education and accredited training by 2013 for all 17 year olds

- the national picture of a decline in the number of young people in Year 11 will be reflected in Lincolnshire, this will affect the total funding available post-16
- there will be an increased focus on quality and value for money
- a need for significant 14-19 local area partnership and consortia collaboration to secure the full entitlement and to meet the needs of those not achieving their potential ('closing the gap') and not engaging post-16 (NEET)
- a need to increase the number of young people engaged in education and training post-17 and the number achieving a full Level 3 qualification by the time that they are 19.

The Local Authority has set up a new team to manage the 16-19 allocations process within the overall 14-19 strategy and to build the necessary links within Integrated Children's Services to achieve the Children and Young People's Plan outcomes. The team is incorporating the work of the 14-19 co-ordinators and will work closely with CfBT in relation to challenge and support for providers.

Members of the team will be contacting all schools with sixth forms, FE institutions and specialist providers (as well as working with the YPLA and NAS) to start the task of preparing a detailed situational analysis of provision to inform the 14-19 Strategic Plan for Lincolnshire 2011-12 and the subsequent detailed 16-19 commissioning plan.

The involvement of all providers via the Learning Area Partnerships to the new 14-19 Strategy Group will be essential to the achievement of the 14-19 full entitlement.

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