

**To: Heads of higher education institutions
in Wales providing initial teacher training
(ITT) courses**

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SECONDARY ITT INTAKE TARGETS 2005/06 - ALLOCATIONS

I wrote to you on 11 November 2004 giving sectoral intake targets for both primary and secondary provision in 2005/06 (Circular W04/72HE refers). I am now writing to inform you of the Secondary Intake Targets for your institution for 2005/06. These are set out in **Annex A** to this letter, together with those for other HEFCW accredited ITT institutions. They do not include target numbers for the Open University in Wales.

The November 2004 circular confirmed that the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning has taken the view that now is not an appropriate time to make major changes in secondary ITT intake target numbers. Having taken account of the Minister's position, requests from ITT providers for the 2005/06 allocation, and under-recruitment patterns between 2001/02 and 2004/05, the Council has decided to make minor adjustments to each institution's secondary allocation from 2004/05 to 2005/06. Adjustments have been made in accordance with Assembly virement rules, and in line with what officers believe to be realistic and achievable institutional targets. The most significant increases have occurred in undergraduate (UG) secondary shortage provision due to the release of twenty-three places following the closure of UG mathematics and science provision at Trinity College Carmarthen/University of Glamorgan.

The Council remains committed to working with institutions to improve recruitment to ITT, particularly in shortage subject areas. It is incumbent upon the Council to maximise recruitment where possible, to meet Assembly intake targets for ITT. As you are aware, the Council has agreed that institutions should continue to be encouraged to rationalise provision, where appropriate. Where an institution fails to recruit a minimum of ten students in a subject segment in two consecutive years, officers will commence discussion with a view to establishing whether there is a rationale for continuation of provision in that subject area in that institution. In the current year,

this relates to Music provision at two institutions. Council officers will liaise with these providers individually to discuss future provision later this month.

2006/07 ALLOCATIONS

Circular W04/72HE invited formal proposals from institutions for new provision building on current courses in secondary ITT subject areas for consideration by an officer group, including representation from Estyn in January 2004. It also confirmed that a small amount of funding (£5,000 per course) would be available for the development of new provision for commencement in 2006/07.

HEFCW and Estyn officers met on 24 January 2005 to consider proposals for new secondary provision to be available from 2006/07 onwards. The following issues were taken into account:

- (a) the intake targets for ITT for 2005/2006 and subsequently (that is the forecast pattern of growth across subject areas);
- (b) the current provision in the proposing institution (ITT and other areas) and its relationship to the proposed development;
- (c) the extent to which the institution is able to meet targets within its current provision;
- (d) the provision in that subject area in other institutions and the extent to which targets and geographical coverage are currently being met;
- (e) evidence regarding the quality of provision at the proposing institution, based upon Estyn visits and reports;
- (f) the market for the proposed provision and evidence given in the proposal that it may address new 'pools' of possible applicants.

Council approval will be sought at its March 2005 meeting of the new provision to be supported from 2006/07 onwards, including the allocation of £5000 per course for the development of the new provision. The outcomes of this allocation process will be reported to institutions in April 2005.

If you have any queries regarding the above arrangements, please contact Ms Karen Jones, here at the Council's offices.

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