

**To: Heads of higher education
institutions in Wales providing initial
teacher training**

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ITT INTAKE TARGETS 2006/07

I wrote to you on 24 November 2005 giving sector intake targets for both primary and secondary provision in 2006/07 (Circular W05/67HE refers).

The letter informed you that there would be a 5% reduction in intake targets for 2006/07 compared with 2005/06 in both primary and secondary numbers applied to undergraduate and postgraduate all Wales totals. This year the Welsh Assembly Government Teaching and Leadership Division asked us to submit proposals on the allocation of primary and secondary intake targets to institutions for agreement by the end of January 2006. We have now received this agreement and I am able to inform you of the primary and secondary intake targets for your institution for 2006/07.

PRIMARY INTAKE TARGET ALLOCATIONS

The primary intake targets for institutions for 2006/07 are set out at Annex A. The allocations have been calculated on a pro-rata basis to last year's target figures (not actual enrolments), and include the 5% reduction. No institution over-recruited beyond the limits set by the Council in the two consecutive years 2004/05 and 2005/06 and therefore no penalties have been applied.

Future penalty arrangements

The Minister has asked the Council to maintain penalties and other efforts to prevent ITT providers from over-recruiting against primary targets.

Circular W05/67HE confirmed that the revised over-recruitment penalties introduced for intake target allocations from 2005/06 onwards would apply to 2007/08 allocations. These penalty arrangements are:

- *Any institution which over-recruits by more than 5% or 5 enrolments (whichever is the greater) in 2005/06 and 2006/07 will have a 5% reduction applied to its primary intake target allocation for 2007/08.*
- *The numbers resulting from any penalties applied will be transferred to secondary non-shortage and/or non-PGCE provision and, therefore*
- *Any institution which has the penalty applied in 2007/08 will not have an opportunity to regain the targets the following year, nor will they be distributed to other Primary providers.*

The arrangements allow for one year of over-recruitment, although it has been made clear in previous circulars that, if institutions are seen to be using this latitude to over-recruit in alternate years, we would reconsider the penalty arrangements. While no penalties were applied for 2006/07, we are concerned about tendencies to alternate years of over-recruitment and some significant over-recruitment in 2005/06.

Institutions should be aware that over-recruitment in 2006/07 (even where institutions have not over-recruited in 2005/06) may need to be one of the factors which we take into account in determining how to distribute targets for 2007/08, particularly if the Assembly sets significantly reduced intakes. In addition, once the Assembly has determined its response to the recently published *Review of Initial Teacher Training Provision* (the Furlong Report), we would expect to review penalty arrangements for over-recruitment. Nor would we allow any late upward movement in recruitment to sway judgements over baselines from which to move towards the determination of post-Furlong targets.

Moreover, in Circular W05/53HE, *Financial Memorandum Part 2, Annual Schedule 2005/06*, we drew the attention of institutions to the fact that, in the light of the new tuition fee arrangements, there could well be financial implications for the Assembly budget arising from recruitment of full-time students over and above HEFCW-funded places. The Assembly Government is anxious to explore how we can move towards an agreed mechanism by which we collectively manage the risks to which this gives rise. Conclusions have yet to be reached in this matter. However, given that this could lead to a need to place some form of control on the levels of recruitment above funded numbers, we are advising institutions to *consider carefully their recruitment for 2006/07 in order to avoid finding themselves in difficulty over student numbers in later years.*

SECONDARY INTAKE TARGET ALLOCATIONS

The secondary intake targets for institutions are set out at Annex B. As I indicated in Circular W05/67HE, this includes 25 targets provisionally included for the Open University on conclusion of arrangements for transferring funding and numbers for the OU in Wales to HEFCW. You will recall from Circular W05/67HE that Secondary PGCE targets were

broken down into Priority Group 1 (Mathematics and Science), Priority Group 2 (Other shortage subjects), Other subjects. Excluding the numbers for the OU, there has been a reduction of 5 per cent overall in secondary intake targets for 2006/07 compared with 2005/06. In the light of this, we have not this year invited institutions to submit proposals to us indicating where they could take additional numbers and/or be willing to surrender numbers for reallocation to other institutions.

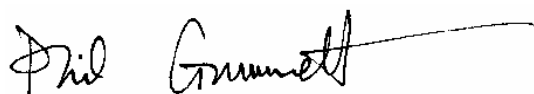
In determining allocations for 2006/07, including implementing the 5 per cent reduction, we have made adjustments to targets within and between subject areas, taking into account:

- sector recruitment performance in individual subject areas in 2005/06 and in previous years;
- individual institutional recruitment performance against intake targets in 2005/06 and in previous years;
- the need to balance subject provision across the sector, and to maintain the viability of provision;
- evidence from Estyn of the quality of training provided by institutions;
- the need to provide 10 intake targets each to new provision in Science at UW Newport and Welsh at Trinity College, Carmarthen as agreed by the Council in 2005.

We remain committed to working with institutions to meet Assembly secondary intake targets for ITT, particularly in shortage subjects. In making intake target allocations, we regard an allocation of 10 intakes as the minimum for a viable cohort. Where an institution fails to recruit at least ten students in a subject segment in two consecutive years, officers discuss future action with the individual provider. This is particularly important now in the light of the Furlong report and potential further cuts in overall secondary intakes. In 2004/05 and 2005/06 recruitment in Music provision at one institution and Welsh provision at another institution fell below 10 intakes each year, and we will contact the providers concerned shortly.

If you have any queries, please contact Alison Allan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Gummert', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PHILIP GUMMETT

ANNEX A**HEFCW PRIMARY ITT INTAKE ALLOCATIONS 2006/07**

INSTITUTION	UG	PG	Total
University of Wales, Aberystwyth	0	112	112
University of Wales, Bangor	111	56	167
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	106	84	190
University of Wales, Newport	90	35	125
North East Wales Institute	73	0	73
Swansea Institute of Higher Education	87	92	179
Trinity College Carmarthen	122	68	190
Totals	589	447	1036

	Subject Area	Level	UW Aberystwyth	UW Bangor	UW Institute, Cardiff	UW Newport	Swansea Institute of Higher Education	Trinity College, Carmarthen	Open University	Total 2006/07	Sec PGCE Group Totals
Priority Group 1	Mathematics	UG				25				25	283
		PG		21	25		49			95	
	Sciences	UG				10				10	
		PG	34	47	44		53			178	
								10	10		

Priority Group 2	English	UG			30					30	509
	(inc. drama)	PG	34	24	23		52			133	
	Modern Languages	UG			10						
		PG	18	16	43		33			110	
	Welsh	UG			15			10		25	
		PG	10	15	18		10			53	
	Design & Technology	UG		20		23				43	
		PG			25	24	22			71	
	Information Technology	UG									
		PG		16		15	24			55	
	Music	UG			10					10	
		PG		14	22					36	
Religious Education	UG										
	PG		13				28		41		
								10	10		

Other Subjects	Art	UG									335
		PG		16	41		19			76	
	History	UG									
		PG	23		15		36			74	
	Geography	UG									
		PG	27				29			56	
	Business Studies	UG									
		PG					22			22	
Physical Education	UG										
	PG		32	65					97		
Outdoor Activities	UG										
	PG		5						5		
								5	5		

Total UG			20	65	58		10		153
Total PG	146	219	321	39	349	28	25	1127	
GRAND TOTAL	146	239	386	97	349	38	25	1280	