

**To: Heads of higher education
institutions in Wales providing Initial
Teacher Training**

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INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING (ITT) STRATEGIC FUNDING: 2006/07 ALLOCATIONS AND ANNUAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2006

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BACKGROUND

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response to the report. Significant changes will need to take place in the ITT sector over the next few years, including reductions in intakes and the reconfiguration of provision. Institutions will not be able to undertake longer-term planning until the future shape of the sector is clearer. As you are aware, we therefore decided to roll forward the existing ITT strategy arrangements for another year.

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Allocations for 2006/07 are set out in **Annex A**. The sum available for ITT Strategy Funding for 2006/07, including TTRS allocations, is £1,131,380. There is also an additional ITT Partnership allocation of £254,010 (see below).

Please note the following components in the allocations in particular, reflecting these in your plans for 2006/07 as appropriate.

i) Teacher Training Recruitment Scheme Allocation (TTRS)

The marketing and student hardship elements of the TTRS were incorporated directly into the ITT strategic funding allocation (see Circular W04/41HE). However, the undergraduate (UG) student placement grant element of the TTRS allocation remains outside this mechanism and continues at present to be identified as a ring-fenced allocation to ITT providers of secondary UG provision. UG placement grants are paid as part of the ITT strategic funding allocations, but should remain ring fenced within institutional financial processes as this funding is to be forwarded directly by the institution to eligible UG students.

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Circular W05/03HE, *Initial Teacher Training: Additional Inspectors*, January 2005, notified the sector that HEFCW would, with the support of Estyn, withdraw from administering the nomination, training and deployment of Estyn additional inspectors from September 2005. We agreed to continue to contribute funding for this activity by uplifting the ITT strategy funding from 2005/06 onwards by £30,000. We expect this funding to be used to facilitate the participation of staff from HEIs and school partnerships as Estyn additional inspectors or peer assessors for ITT provision. Some of the funding should be set aside to pass on to partnership schools for the training or deployment of staff, as required. Providers should also use the funding to address Estyn priorities and the outcomes of Estyn inspections. We will monitor involvement in this area over the course of the Estyn inspection cycle through the AMS process.

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In 2005/06, the Welsh Assembly Government responded to the over-production of primary school teachers by reducing HE primary ITT intake targets by 5% and indicated that further cuts would follow in 2006/07. An earlier ITT Partnership Study undertaken for HEFCW reported that many ITT providers subsidise their secondary phase

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Circular W05/26HE, *Initial teacher training strategic funding mechanism: progress report and allocations for 2005/06* (May 2005), set out the arrangements for the ITT Strategic Funding allocations for 2005/06. Institutions reported on 2004/05 progress and expenditure and confirmed plans for 2005/06 through the Council's Annual Monitoring Statement (AMS) process in July 2005.

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Annex A

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