

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

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PRIMARY INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING (ITT) INTAKE TARGETS 2007/08

I wrote to you on 4 December 2006 giving sector ITT intake targets for both primary and secondary provision in 2006/07 (Circular W06/54HE). The letter confirmed that the intake targets for 2007/08 remained the same as the indicative targets for the period to 2010/11 which the Welsh Assembly Government gave in their letter of 5 July 2006.

For institutional secondary intake targets, the Assembly Government has asked us to put proposals to them by the end of January for approval and we will inform you of these once we have received this approval. However, I am now able to inform you of your institution's primary ITT intake targets for 2007/08.

The primary intake targets are set out at Annex A. The total figure for the sector amounts to a reduction of just over 8% on the 2006/07 intake targets. This comprises approximately a 12% reduction in undergraduate targets and a 4% reduction in postgraduate targets. The allocations have been calculated on a pro-rata basis to last year's target figures (not actual enrolments). No institution over-recruited consecutively beyond the limits set by the Council in the two years 2005/06 and 2006/07 and therefore no penalties have been applied.

Future penalty arrangements

We noted in Circular W06/54HE that penalty arrangements remain in place for over-recruitment to primary provision. Therefore:

- *Any institution which over-recruits by more than 5% or 5 enrolments (whichever is the greater) in 2006/07 and 2007/08 will have a 5% reduction applied to its primary intake target allocation for 2008/09.*
- *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 2008/09 will not have an opportunity to regain the targets the following year, nor will they be distributed to other Primary providers.*

As we stressed in our 4 December letter, we would advise institutions to maintain firm control on their recruitment for 2007/08. If an institution substantially over-recruits, we may need to revisit the broad planning assumptions which we gave in October 2006 or the full availability of released numbers from the reductions in ITT intake targets. Once we have received a response from the Assembly to our advice on ITT reconfiguration, we may need to review the appropriateness of the current penalty arrangements.

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. We are continuing to review with the Assembly Government, in the light of recruitment trends, how we collectively manage the risks to which this gives rise. We therefore advise institutions to consider carefully their recruitment for 2007/08 in order to avoid finding themselves in difficulty over student numbers in later years.

Yours sincerely

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

PHILIP GUMMETT

HEFCW PRIMARY ITT INTAKE ALLOCATIONS 2007/08

INSTITUTION	UG	PG	Total
University of Wales, Aberystwyth	0	108	108
University of Wales, Bangor	98	54	152
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	94	81	175
University of Wales, Newport	79	34	113
North East Wales Institute	64	0	64
Swansea Institute of Higher Education	77	88	165
Trinity College Carmarthen	108	65	173
Totals	520	430	950