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Learning and teaching strategy allocations for 2008/09 and update on monitoring arrangements

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This circular provides information on the learning and teaching strategy allocations to higher education institutions for 2008/09 and an update on monitoring arrangements.

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Introduction

1. This circular sets out the allocations to be made to institutions in 2008/09 to support Learning and Teaching (L & T) Strategies. It also provides an update on monitoring arrangements.

Background

2. In Circular W07/16HE: Learning and Teaching Strategies 2007/08 - 2009/10 we invited Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Wales to submit an updated learning and teaching strategy for the three years 2007/08 to 2009/10.
3. We invited the Higher Education Academy to undertake a full analysis of institutional strategies. The outcome of this analysis will be published shortly on the Higher Education Academy website (<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk>). This analysis was presented at a well-attended sector-wide seminar in May 2008. The Academy reported that overall the sector was in good health regarding learning and teaching.
4. Institutions are asked to report annually on progress against their strategies. We have provided information on institutional annual monitoring statements for 2007/08 in Circular W08/16HE, Annual Monitoring Statements 2008.

Learning and Teaching Strategy allocations 2008/09

5. **Annex A** sets out institutional allocations for 2008/09. The total sum available for Learning and Teaching strategies for 2008/09 is £1,004,558. This is allocated to institutions pro rata to total funded credits in 2008/09, including, as in 2007/08, floor provision of £33k and a ceiling of £150k.

2007/08 Annual Monitoring Statement

6. As stated in Circular W08/16HE, Annual Monitoring Statements 2008, HEFCW officers will distribute electronic templates containing individually agreed targets by 27 June 2008.
7. The AMS form asks you to:
 - Report progress against targets for 2007/08;
 - Complete a declaration of expenditure to confirm that the 2007/08 allocation has been fully spent and used for the purposes for which it was provided. This should be signed by the head of the institution.
 - Provide revised targets and expenditure plans for 2008/09 which will form the basis of next year's AMS.

8. Circular W07/50HE: Funding To Support Circular W07/42HE, 'Enhancing Learning and Teaching Through Technology: A Strategy For Higher Education In Wales' announced the provision of an additional £1 million in funding to support and encourage institutions in taking up the opportunities provided by technology and to meet the objectives of our strategy for enhancing learning and teaching through technology, as described in Circular W07/42HE.
9. Circular W07/50HE also requested institutions to include targets relating to the enhancement of learning and teaching through technology within their AMS targets for Learning and Teaching for 2008/09 and 2009/10. Therefore, if you have received an allocation for the enhancement of learning and teaching through technology, please ensure that appropriate targets for this area are identified for 2008/09 within the AMS returns for 2007/08.
10. Please return the signed AMS for 2007/08 to HEFCW by 7 November 2008, as set out in circular W08/16 HE.
11. We expect to pay the first tranche of funding for 2008/09 in September 2008 and the second tranche in March 2009, subject to receipt of satisfactory AMS returns.

Further information / responses to

12. For further information, contact Dr Cliona O'Neill (tel 029 2068 2283; email cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk).

Annex A

Institution	First tranche September 2008	Second tranche March 2009	Total allocation
University of Glamorgan	75,000	75,000	150,000
Aberystwyth University	56,921	56,921	113,842
Bangor University	47,377	47,376	94,753
Cardiff University	75,000	75,000	150,000
University of Wales, Lampeter	16,500	16,500	33,000
Swansea University	61,956	61,956	123,912
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	52,768	52,768	105,536
University of Wales, Newport	40,391	40,391	80,782
North East Wales Institute	28,797	28,796	57,593
Swansea Metropolitan University	31,070	31,070	62,140
Trinity College Carmarthen	16,500	16,500	33,000
Total	502280	502278	1004558