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Introduction

- 1 This circular sets out primary initial teacher training (ITT) intake targets for the Centres of Teacher Education for 2010/11.

Background

- 2 We informed you of the primary and secondary ITT intake targets which have been set for the sector by the Welsh Assembly Government for 2010/11 in November 2009 (Circular W09/38HE). The circular included the letter from the Welsh Assembly Government setting out the basis for the targets. The letter also included indicative targets for 2011/12 and 2012/13.
- 3 For secondary intake targets, we put proposals for the distribution of these targets amongst providers to the Assembly Government, as requested, by the end of January for approval. We have now received this approval and the secondary targets are published in Circular W10/05HE.

Primary intake targets 2010/11

- 4 Primary ITT intake targets for the three Centres of Teacher Education for 2010/11 are set out at Annex A. ITT is being phased out at Glyndŵr University and it will no longer receive ITT intake targets from 2010/11.
- 5 No provider receiving primary intake targets in 2010/11 over-recruited beyond the limits set by HEFCW in 2009/10. There are some issues of over-recruitment at Glyndŵr University which we are discussing with the institution concerned.
- 7 The total sector intake target for primary ITT has been reduced by 20 places compared with 2009/10. There is, however, also a move of intakes targets from undergraduate (UG) provision to PGCE provision, such that UG intakes are 40 less than in 2009/10 and PGCE 20 more. The indicative targets given by the Assembly Government show a continuation of this trend for 2011/12 and 2012/13.
- 8 For primary PGCE intake targets, allocations have been calculated on a pro-rata basis to last year's target figures (not actual enrolments).
- 9 For primary UG targets we needed to consider the redistribution of the targets released by the ending of ITT at Glyndŵr University. We have taken into account the following:

- that typically more than half of Glyndŵr University's ITT students were drawn from North Wales
 - the importance of maintaining a strong cohort of UG students in the North and Mid Wales Centre receiving training to teach through the medium of Welsh;
 - that, although the primary UG targets are not set to be cut as heavily as originally indicated, our broad planning assumptions for the reconfigured Centres of Teacher Education in 2006, were on the basis of average intakes of around 70 per year for each Centre. For viability reasons therefore, subject to any further changes in future intake targets or application of penalties for over-recruitment, we would not normally wish to see any of the Centres have a primary UG intake target of less than 70.
- 10 The pro-rata calculation of UG intake targets based on the difference between 2009/10 and 2010/11 releases 41 intakes for redistribution. We have allocated 30 of these intakes to the North and Mid Wales Centre which, based on the indicative targets given by the Assembly Government will keep its UG intake target above 70 in 2012/13. The remaining 11 intake targets have been allocated pro-rata between the other two Centres.
- 11 More generally, we will keep under review the distribution of primary ITT targets across the three Centres, particularly in the context of the development of a regional dimension to the planning and delivery of higher education identified in *For our Future*. We will also monitor the numbers of students receiving training to teach through the medium of Welsh as well as English, and the diversity of entrants to ITT and the teaching profession.

Penalty arrangements

- 12 The Assembly Government's letter setting out sector targets for 2010/11 (Circular W09/38HE) noted that it would like HEFCW to maintain its efforts to ensure that over-recruitment against intake targets does not occur. We would therefore remind providers of the revised penalty arrangements which we introduced for over-recruitment against primary ITT intakes from 2009/10. These have been updated below to recognise the reconfiguration of provision into the three Centres of Teacher Education.
- If a Centre over-recruits by more than 5% or five students (whichever is the greater) against its primary intake target in one year at either undergraduate or postgraduate level, a 5% reduction will be applied to its intake target for that level for the following year. These intakes will not be returned to the Centre after the penalty year. Thus if a Centre over-recruits against its target in 2010/11, the penalty will be applied to its target for 2011/12.

- There is also a penalty for more significant over-recruitment. Thus, if a Centre over-recruits by more than 10 per cent in one year at either undergraduate or postgraduate level, its target for that level for the following year will be cut by 10%. Therefore if a Centre breaches this threshold in 2010/11, the penalty will be applied to its intake target for 2011/12.

For this penalty there is no leeway for rounding down. Immediately the over-recruitment is over 10% by any fraction, the penalty will be applied, even if the exact calculation of the 10% would not give a whole number of students.

This penalty will be reduced to 5% in the year after, provided that the institution has not again over-recruited above the specified limits. These intakes will not be returned to the institution.

Funded credits released from ITT intake target reductions

- 13 The Welsh Assembly Government's letter in Circular W09/38HE noted that 2010/11 will be the last year in which any new released numbers will be available from reductions in ITT intake targets. We expect there to be some continued feed through, however, as reductions in UG ITT courses work through the system.
- 14 We will inform institutions of the funded credits and associated funding available to them as a result of reductions in primary and secondary ITT intake targets in the recurrent grant circular for 2010/11 which will be published in March. (These arrangements for released numbers do not apply to the Open University in Wales.)
- 15 We would remind you that released numbers should be used for other HE education-related courses which fit with the proposals in your ITT reconfiguration plans which we have agreed with you. If an institution wishes to change or modify its portfolio of provision using released numbers, please contact Alison Allan to discuss, so that we can assure the Assembly Government that the provision continues to meet its priorities.

Further information

- 16 For further information, contact Alison Allan (tel 029 2068 2223; email alison.allan@hefcw.ac.uk).

Annex A

Primary ITT intake target allocations 2010/11

	North and Mid Wales Centre of Teacher Education	South East Wales Centre of Teacher Education	South West Wales Centre of Teacher Education	
	Aberystwyth University and Bangor University	UW Institute, Cardiff and UW Newport	Swansea Metropolitan University and Trinity University College, Carmarthen	Total 2010/11
Undergraduate	92	114	124	330
Postgraduate	164	116	145	425
Total	256	230	269	755