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Initial Teacher Training Strategy Fund: Allocations 2012/13

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This circular sets out the allocations for 2012/13 to support the implementation of initial teacher training strategies and requests updated strategy statements from initial teacher training providers.

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Introduction

- 1 This circular sets out the allocations for 2012/13 to support the implementation of initial teacher training (ITT) strategies and requests updated strategy statements from ITT providers.

Background

- 2 We requested ITT strategies from providers for the period 2009/10 to 2011/12 in the summer of 2009 (Circular W09/23HE) and announced ITT strategy fund allocations for the first year of the strategy period.
- 3 The two Centres of Teacher Education which became operational in 2009/10: the South-East Wales Centre (Cardiff Metropolitan University and University of Wales, Newport) and the South-West Wales Centre (Swansea Metropolitan University and University of Wales Trinity Saint David) submitted joint strategies for the three-year cycle. Aberystwyth University and Bangor University submitted separate funding plans for 2009/10 and a joint strategy as the North and Mid Wales Centre from 2010/11. The Open University in Wales received an ITT strategy fund allocation for the first time in 2010/11.
- 4 Glyndŵr University submitted a three-year funding plan for 2009/10 to 2011/12, setting out how it would use its allocation to support its ITT operation as this was phased out. Its final cohort will complete in 2011/12 and it will not therefore receive allocations from the ITT strategy fund after this date.
- 5 In the light of overall pressures on HEFCW funding, we reduced the ITT strategy fund in 2010/11 and 2011/12.
- 6 We informed providers in November 2011 (Circular W11/39HE) that, because of the reducing amount of HEFCW grant to support funding streams of this nature, continuing the ITT strategy fund in the long-term was unlikely to be sustainable. However, to allow a transitional period, the Council agreed in principle at the time to continue funding at a further reduced level in 2012/13, with the possibility of funding at a further reduced level in 2013/14. We expected to ask providers to roll their strategies and targets forward on an annual basis, taking account of the funding available, rather than writing new strategies.
- 7 We also informed providers in W11/39HE that we would be ending funding for the Teacher Training Recruitment Scheme (TTRS) secondary undergraduate (UG) placement grants. For 2012/13, we would make funding available for grants to **existing students entering the third year of their course in 2012/13 only**. No funding would be provided for students on the second year of their courses or for new entrants. From 2013/14 funding would cease completely. It is now for providers to consider and put in place appropriate support for secondary UG students from within their overall resources.

2012/13 allocations

- 8 The total sum available for the ITT strategy fund for 2012/13 is £770,643. Previously allocations to each provider have been based on the number of funded credits received for ITT. However, changes to the higher education funding system in response to the Welsh Government's policy on tuition fees mean that from 2012/13 we are no longer operating a funded-credit based system for full-time undergraduate and PGCE students. The Open University whose provision is part-time still receives a funded-credit based allocation for its ITT. To determine the "notional" credits for the three Centres who offer full-time ITT provision we have used the ITT intake targets for 2012/13 and student recruitment and progression rates as returned as part of the 2011/12 Higher Education Early Student Statistics (HESES) survey.
- 9 The two elements to the ITT strategy fund for 2012/13 are:
 - i) TTRS placement grants for secondary UG students in the third and final year of their courses in 2012/13. This funding must be ring-fenced by providers for distribution to UG secondary trainees.
 - ii) ITT strategy support. This comprises the funding remaining from the total available, once the TTRS element has been calculated. For the Centres of Teacher Education, this is allocated pro-rata to the "notional" ITT credits. The Open University receives a floor allocation. Once the TTRS element has been taken into account, the sum available for ITT strategy support funding represents a 13.82% reduction on the funding which the providers concerned received for ITT strategy support in 2011/12.
- 10 The allocations for 2012/13 are set out in Annex A.

Updated strategy statements and Annual Monitoring Statements

- 11 The Centres for Teacher Education and the Open University will be asked to report on progress in 2011/12 and to provide targets and expenditure plans for 2012/13 in their Annual Monitoring Statements (AMSs). Glyndŵr University will be asked to report on progress for 2011/12.
- 12 We expect to issue the request for AMSs by the end of May, as part of the circular requesting strategic plans and financial and student forecast data. The individualised ITT AMS forms for your Centre or institution, as appropriate, will be sent to you by early July for return by **the end of October 2012**.
- 13 However, it is some time since the original strategies were submitted, and in the case of the Centres of Teacher Education this has been a period in which they have become established and embedded the collaboration between partners. We would therefore like each Centre and the Open

University to provide us with a brief updated strategy statement (two sides of A4 maximum). This should note what are considered to be the most significant achievements over the last three years, the strategic direction for the next two to three years and the main goals or activities which it is intended to achieve. We would ask you to submit these to Alison Allan by **31 July 2012**.

Payment of allocations

- 14 ITT Strategy Fund allocations will be paid in two equal instalments in September 2012 and March 2013. We will confirm release of the March 2013 payment subject to the receipt of a satisfactory Annual Monitoring Statement in October 2012.

Further information

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

ITT Strategy Fund allocations 2012/13

Institution or Centre of Teacher Education	Teacher Training Recruitment Scheme (TTRS) Secondary Undergraduate Placement Grants* £	ITT Strategy Support £	Total £
North and Mid-Wales Centre	9,600	216,644	226,244
South-East Wales Centre	13,200	262,608	275,808
South-West Wales Centre		231,965	231,965
Open University		36,626	36,626
Total	22,800	747,843	770,643

Notes:

The TTRS Secondary UG Placement Grant allocation for third-year secondary undergraduate students for 2012/13 will be paid with the ITT Strategy Fund but must be ringfenced by institutions for distribution to UG trainees