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1. This publication provides details of all grants made by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) to higher education institutions (HEIs) and directly funded further education institutions (FEIs) in Wales for 2014/15. Except where noted otherwise, all information refers to payments made in the academic year (AY) 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015.
2. All figures recorded are actual payments made to institutions during that AY. Details of HEFCW's formula funding methods can be found on HEFCW's website at www.hefcw.ac.uk.
3. These allocations were first announced in circular [W14/18HE](#) (HEFCW's Funding Allocation 2014/15) and then updated in circular [W15/09HE](#) (HEFCW's Funding Allocations 2015/16). The detail in this paper will not match either exactly due to the fact that the first circular is a forward looking budget position, the second an in year position, and the detail in this circular a retrospective actual position. The variations will be due to payment timing differences and/or changes in budget line amounts, and/or in year addition of budget lines.
4. Annex A presents the grant payments by budget line and under the headings: Teaching, Research, Skills, Other and Non-Grant in Aid (GIA).

Description of lines

Teaching

WISERD Education

5. WISERD Education is funded by HEFCW to undertake research in order to sustain and enhance the quality of learning and the standards of teaching and teacher education in Wales.

Part-time Fee Waiver Scheme

6. The part-time (PT) Fee Waiver scheme provides institutions with funding for fee waivers to PT students in receipt of certain benefits. The scheme was established 1999 at the request of the then Welsh Office. The PT Fee Waiver scheme was changed for 2014/15 as described in circular [W14/28HE](#).

Full-time undergraduate and PGCE (FT UG/PGCE) Funding

7. This is a premium based fund designed to focus funding in the areas that were awarded more HEFCW funding prior to the introduction of the new fee regime in 2012/13 than is available through fee income since the introduction of that regime. These areas are Clinical Dentistry and

Medicine and the performance element of Conservatoire training. In addition, a per capita amount of £5 was awarded for all FTUG/PGCE students.

Part Time (PT)/Postgraduate Taught (PGT), Per-capita, Premiums and Teaching

8. Allocations of credit-based funds for PT/PGT teaching have been determined using HEFCW's established teaching funding method. This is described in detail in HEFCW circular W99/71HE, dated 30 July 1999. HEFCW circular W01/66HE, dated 3 August 2001, sets out the arrangements and procedures under which funding by credit value operates. A change was made in AY 2011/12 with the removal of the recovery element of the method.
9. In addition to the credit-based teaching funding, several premiums are allocated to PT and PGT provision. An access and retention premium was allocated in respect of PT UG provision; a disability premium and a Welsh medium premium were allocated for PT UG, FT PGT and PT PGT provision; and a part-time premium was allocated for PT UG and PT PGT provision. In addition, a per capita amount of £5 was awarded for all PT and PGT students.

Also included in Teaching are:

Cardiff Compensation Award

10. This fund had been agreed between the Welsh Government and Cardiff University and is part of a 5 year deal which was negotiated to compensate Cardiff for the loss of medical students who were moved to Swansea University as part of the Swansea Graduate Entry Scheme. The fund provides support for some additional numbers in Dentistry and was given to HEFCW as a discreet fund to pass onto Cardiff.

OU Transitional Funding

11. Transitional funding for the OU is provided to recognise the removal of strategy funding and their inability to recoup this funding through FT UG fee income.

Educational Psychology

12. Following discussions between the WLGA and Cardiff University on implementing a sustainable funding structure, in order to support the continued delivery of the DEdPsy Programme the Minister for Education and Skills agreed in 2014/15, as an interim one year arrangement, to make an additional allocation available to HEFCW to secure ongoing provision of training for educational psychologists in Wales in the short term.

Research

Postgraduate Research (PGR) Funding

13. PGR funding is allocated by formula to help support the training of postgraduate research students.

Quality Research (QR)

14. QR is formula funding for research which is allocated on the basis of the outcomes of the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

Sêr Cymru

15. This programme aims to build upon and enhance research in Wales, in line with the objectives of Science for Wales, the Welsh Government's strategic agenda for science and innovation in Wales.
16. The investment focuses on three Grand Challenge areas – areas of scientific excellence which also have particular relevance to business and society. These areas are: life sciences and health; low carbon, energy and environment; and advanced engineering and materials.

University of Wales Dictionary

17. The University of Wales Dictionary of the Welsh Language is a historical dictionary which is often described as being equivalent to a more concise version of the Oxford English Dictionary. The Unit which produces it is based in the University of Wales' Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies. The Council provided limited financial support to this publication.
18. At its meeting in November 2013, the Council approved a one-year extension of funding for the University of Wales Dictionary Unit in 2014/15 in order to allow more time for the transition to a sustainable funding model.

Welsh Crucible

19. Funded by a consortium of Welsh higher education institutions and the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Welsh Crucible brings together thirty researchers to explore how they can work together to tackle the current research challenges facing Wales.
20. Welsh Crucible is based on NESTA's highly esteemed 'Crucible' development programme, and has been informed by the successes of the Scottish Crucible.

Other

Innovation and Engagement

21. This fund was designed to support a permanent and sustainable stream of third mission funding in Wales.

International Initiatives

22. As part of the move to institutions making more contribution to various budget lines as a result of their increased fee income, various international budget lines have been brought together (e.g. Welsh Higher Education in Brussels and Wales International Consortium). This funding was paid to Higher Education Wales who have agreed to pay for these elements on behalf of the sector

Reaching Wider

23. The RW programme is a mechanism for widening access on a collaborative regional basis. The programme's focus is explicitly on Communities First areas, and looked after children and care leavers.
24. This budget line was previously part of the special ring-fenced "Reaching Higher" income stream which has now ended. As a result, this budget line, which supports the three regional 'Reaching Wider' widening access partnerships, has been "mainstreamed" and is now part of our Academic year budget allocation process.

Reconfiguration and Collaboration

25. The Reconfiguration and Collaboration Fund was launched in July 2002 to support the reshaping of the higher education sector in Wales in order to achieve major performance gains and enhanced competitiveness. A large number of landscape changing developments have received support from the fund including institutional mergers and partnerships, collaborative research institutes and other developments. Whilst the fund was not open to new proposals after 2012, some ongoing developments continue to be supported including: the Low Carbon Research Institute; the Climate Change Consortium for Wales; and High Performance Computing Wales.

Strategic Development Fund

26. This fund is to support collaborative developments which play into the wider Reaching Higher agenda. Examples of uses of the fund include:
 - Developing management capability shared between institutions (eg to address procurement, HR and sustainability issues)
 - collaborating in teaching and learning, including pedagogical innovation (e.g. technology enhanced learning)
 - subject rationalisation

- developing third mission activity between institutions and with external partners
- 'pump priming' (increasing expenditure to increase output) the development of research infrastructure between institutions
- contributing to funding proposals involving other parties such as Welsh Government partners, the Research Councils and major charities, or other UK-wide agendas - particularly where a small investment by HEFCW could help secure a much larger investment from other, especially UK-wide, sources

Subjects of Broader Importance

27. This budget supported subjects of broader importance to Wales. It is made up of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Programme, focussing on sustainable activities with the potential to achieve long-term impact rather than short term gains and the provision of funding in support of Modern Foreign Languages.

Universities of the Heads of the Valleys Institute (UHOVI)

28. The Universities of the Heads of the Valleys Institute is a venture established by the University of Glamorgan and the University of Wales, Newport (now merged as University of South Wales) which aims to inspire people to improve or update their qualifications and skills. It offers opportunities for adults of all ages to study at local venues across Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taff and Torfaen.

Welsh Medium Provision Fund

29. The Welsh Medium Provision Fund for 2014/15 AY brings together several elements into a single budget. It recognises in particular the establishment of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol (the Coleg) and the funding which will support its activities. The Coleg has subsumed the work of the Centre for Welsh Medium Higher Education which has previously been funded under a number of different budget headings, including fixed-term Reconfiguration and Collaboration Fund and One Wales funding. The budget line therefore incorporates the original Welsh Medium Provision Fund, the Centre for Welsh Medium Higher Education, funding to replace the Reconfiguration and Collaboration/One Wales funding, as well as funding for new activities by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol agreed by WG in line with the recommendations of the Robin Williams' report on which the establishment of the Coleg was based.

Widening Access Fund

30. This fund supported targeted, strategic interventions for widening access students in line with institutions' mission and purpose and taking account of HEFCW and WG priorities. Widening access interventions aim to raise educational aspirations and skills and increase participation in higher education, higher level skills and the priority sectors.

31. The strategy funding has now ended although residual funding for approved projects continues.

Other

Graduate Opportunities (GO) Wales

32. GO Wales is a major programme to develop student and graduate employability across Wales and, through that, support economic growth, particularly through small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Part of this will be assigned to the European Social Fund (ESF) projects.

Skills and Employability Action Plans

33. In 2013 HEFCW invited all higher education institutions in Wales to complete Skills and Employability Action Plans that highlighted initiatives which would increase graduates' appeal to employers. To support this process funding was provided to encourage all institutions to develop new and innovative initiatives and programmes and strengthen this area of institutional provision.

Non Grant in Aid

Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol (CCC) Scholarships

34. Funding for the Coleg's scholarship schemes is made available by virtue of a separate agreement between the Welsh Government and HEFCW on the basis that HEFCW does not have powers to support students directly. Scholarship scheme funding does not, therefore, form part of the Coleg's main grant from HEFCW, but is essentially ring-fenced for the provision of scholarships.

BIS Match Funds

35. The Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) provided research capital funding to the four UK HE funding bodies for 2014-15. The funding was awarded pro-rata to the average research council income received by their respective institutions. BIS requires this funding to be matched by a similar contribution and WG has provided this.
36. The Welsh Government element of the grant is allocated pro rata to recurrent Quality Research (QR) and other research income. In calculating the allocations we used the most recent data available with the WG element based on 2014/15 recurrent QR grant and 2012/13 other research income. Similarly, the BIS allocation has been calculated by reference to an average of the 2010/11-2012/13 Research Councils' income received.

Jobs Growth Wales

37. In 2012 HEFCW signed an agreement with Welsh Government for a graduate strand of the Jobs Growth Wales Programme, to sit alongside the GO Wales Programme. A budget was agreed with Welsh Government and allocated to HEIs to deliver Jobs Growth Wales graduate placements.

WG Merger Capital Funds

38. Funds were provided from 2013 to support capital developments linked to the merger of the University of Glamorgan and the University of Wales Newport.

UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF)

39. The UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF) provides funding for capital investment in major new research facilities in universities which have a significant track record of research excellence. The funding has been made available on a UK-wide basis through the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, to be distributed by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) acting in conjunction with the other UK higher education funding bodies.

SLC Payments to Institutions

40. Annex B covers Welsh Fee Grant payments made to Institutions by the SLC up to the end of November 2015 (year to date) for 2014/15. It includes payments made in regards to both Welsh and EU students. This data is taken from the December 2015 SLC Welsh Fee Grant Payments Report. HEFCW paid the fee grant up to the end of March 2015. From April 2015, responsibility for the fee grant was transferred to the Welsh Government.
41. Details of the 20 highest Rest of UK institution recipients of the Welsh Fee Grant can be found at Annex C. This information is also taken from the December 2015 Welsh Fee Grant Payments Report provided by the SLC.

Further information / responses to

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Annex A																	
Academic Year 2014/15																	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Teaching Lines	University of South Wales	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	Cardiff University	University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Swansea University	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Glyndŵr University	Open University in Wales	University of Wales Registry	Bridgend College	Coleg Llandrillo Cymru	Coleg Sir Gâr	Gower College Swansea	Grŵp NPTC Group	Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol	Total
Part-Time Fee Waiver		27,140	39,739	15,818		24,451	1,620	2,460				1,330					112,558
FTUG/PGCE	2,861,400	38,820	31,560	9,767,035	33,860	2,723,635	34,740	11,665			130	2,280			80		15,505,205
PT/PGT Teaching*	10,008,338	1,022,697	1,065,390	6,296,800	4,420,617	1,705,728	1,382,920	4,449,152	10,157,117			405,871		41,339	63,790		41,019,759
WISERD education				330,429													330,429
Total**	12,869,738	1,088,657	1,136,689	16,410,082	4,454,477	4,453,814	1,419,280	4,463,277	10,157,117	0	130	409,481	0	41,339	63,870	0	56,967,951
Research Lines	University of South Wales	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	Cardiff University	University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Swansea University	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Glyndŵr University	Open University in Wales	University of Wales Registry	Bridgend College	Coleg Llandrillo Cymru	Coleg Sir Gâr	Gower College Swansea	Grŵp NPTC Group	Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol	Total
PGR	200,742	405,061	644,812	2,857,294	25,821	922,195	114,410										5,170,335
QR	2,813,901	7,270,580	6,839,894	40,352,474	792,851	11,499,413	1,109,461			398,770							71,077,344
Ser Cymru			61,261	588,947		852,695											1,502,904
University of Wales Dictionary Unit										82,173							82,173
Welsh Crucible				15,000													15,000
Total	3,014,643	7,675,641	7,545,967	43,813,715	818,672	13,274,303	1,223,871	0	0	480,943	0	0	0	0	0	0	77,847,756
Other Lines	University of South Wales	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	Cardiff University	University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Swansea University	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Glyndŵr University	Open University in Wales	University of Wales Registry	Bridgend College	Coleg Llandrillo Cymru	Coleg Sir Gâr	Gower College Swansea	Grŵp NPTC Group	Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol	Total
Innovation and Engagement Fund	767,424		118,731	576,885		111,725											1,574,765
International Initiatives		37,500															37,500
Reaching Wider	810,479		494,594			458,593											1,763,666
Reconfiguration and Collaboration		93,825															93,825
Strategic Development Fund	4,463,001	300,967		39,965	2,834,000	106,968		3,507,636									11,252,537
Subjects of Broader Importance	28,325		24,000			20,175											72,500
UHOVI PHASE 2	2,177,672																2,177,672
Welsh Medium Provision Fund																8,179,272	8,179,272
Widening Access Fund					146,301												146,301
Total	8,246,901	432,292	637,325	616,850	2,980,301	697,461	0	3,507,636	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,179,272	25,298,038
Skills Lines	University of South Wales	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	Cardiff University	University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Swansea University	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Glyndŵr University	Open University in Wales	University of Wales Registry	Bridgend College	Coleg Llandrillo Cymru	Coleg Sir Gâr	Gower College Swansea	Grŵp NPTC Group	Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol	Total
Go Wales	693,112	284,179	616,295	309,864	649,070	995,548	167,385	167,006									3,882,460
Skills and Employability Action Plans				9,362													9,362
Total	693,112	284,179	616,295	319,226	649,070	995,548	167,385	167,006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,891,822
Non GIA Lines	University of South Wales	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	Cardiff University	University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Swansea University	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Glyndŵr University	Open University in Wales	University of Wales Registry	Bridgend College	Coleg Llandrillo Cymru	Coleg Sir Gâr	Gower College Swansea	Grŵp NPTC Group	Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol	Total
CCC Scholarships																320,000	320,000
DBIS Match Funds		907,846	739,165	3,511,750		1,397,239											6,556,000
Jobs Growth Wales	261,375	33,864	196,177	170,908	105,112	144,140	82,249	149,744									1,143,568
WG Merger Capital Funds	1,681,500																1,681,500
UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF)						3,737,975											3,737,975
Total	1,942,875	941,710	935,342	3,682,658	105,112	5,279,354	82,249	149,744	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320,000	13,439,043
Grand Total	University of South Wales	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	Cardiff University	University of Wales Trinity St David	Swansea University	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Glyndŵr University	Open University in Wales	University of Wales Registry	Bridgend College	Coleg Llandrillo Cymru	Coleg Sir Gâr	Gower College Swansea	Grŵp NPTC Group	Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol	Total
Grand Total	***26767269	10,422,479	10,871,619	64,842,531	9,007,631	24,700,480	2,892,785	****8,287,663	10,157,117	480,943	130	409,481	0	41,339	63,870	8,499,272	177,444,610
<i>*Educational Psychology, OU Mitigatio & Cardiff Compensation included in teaching.</i>																	
<i>**Funding for ITT provision is shown at the lead financial institution.</i>																	
<i>***£2.6M of the grant to University of South Wales was repayable.</i>																	
<i>****£2.8M of the grant to Wrexham Glyndŵr was repayable and repayment was made in May 2015.</i>																	

Annex B
Academic Year 2014/15

	University of South Wales	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	Cardiff University	University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Swansea University	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Glyndŵr University	Open University in Wales	University of Wales Registry	Bridgend College	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Gower College Swansea	Grŵp NPTC Group	Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol	Total
SLC Payments to Institutions (at 29 November 2015)	34,796,494	12,376,843	11,499,479	21,355,256	16,291,575	17,926,909	17,482,790	6,419,986			20,678	1,389,872		49,991		139,609,873
Total	34,796,494	12,376,843	11,499,479	21,355,256	16,291,575	17,926,909	17,482,790	6,419,986			20,678	1,389,872		49,991		139,609,873

Source: SLC Fee Grant Payments Report (December 2015)

Allocations have been amended to place franchise provision at the franchisor institution.

In 2014/15, HEFCW paid the fee grant up to the end of March 2015. From April 2015, responsibility for the fee grant was transferred to the Welsh Government. Of the £139,609,873 shown in the table above, £67,474,107 was paid out to institutions up to the end of March and the rest from April onwards.

Annex C

Top 20 RUK Fee Grant Payments

Institution	Number of Fee Grant Recipients	Fee Grant Amount Paid (£)
University of West of England	1,330	6,686,306
Liverpool John Moores University	964	4,847,117
Chester University	854	4,083,356
Exeter University	687	3,413,533
Liverpool University	625	3,133,419
Manchester Metropolitan University	642	3,029,532
Manchester University	578	2,877,445
Bristol University	526	2,657,499
Bath University	466	2,052,443
Bath Spa University	390	2,001,942
Birmingham University	400	1,936,673
Reading University	385	1,935,507
Plymouth University	392	1,911,501
Gloucestershire University	329	1,469,749
University of Southampton	283	1,437,180
Edge Hill University	265	1,357,640
Nottingham University	261	1,312,047
Loughborough University	249	1,181,268
Leeds University	238	1,137,141
Sheffield University	226	1,102,634
Total Top 20 RUK	10,090	49,563,930
Total RUK	18,466	89,098,568
Total Wales	31,899	139,609,873
Overall Total	50,365	228,708,441

Source: SLC academic year 2014/15 payments to date report December 2015

Notes:

The amounts shown represent both the HEFCW & Welsh Government payments combined.