


Skills Funding Statement update
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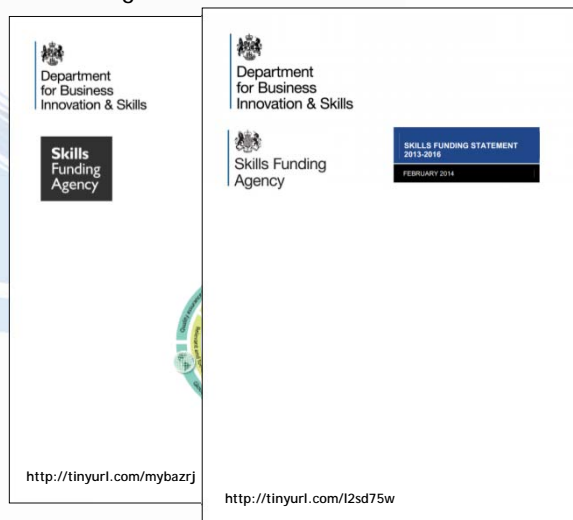
Agenda

- 13:00 Registration
- 13:05 Skills Funding Statement update from Nick Linford, Lsect
- 13:40 NCFE, Andrew Gladstone-Heighton, Policy Leader
- 13:50 Q&A
- 14:00 End

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Skills Funding Statement 2012-15 & 2013-2016

Published 10 February 2014, 431 after the last annual Skills Funding Statement



Published for the first time alongside the HE funding statement, it is believed the delay related to the Treasury wanting bigger than planned cuts, and agreeing if/where they would fall (FE or HE)

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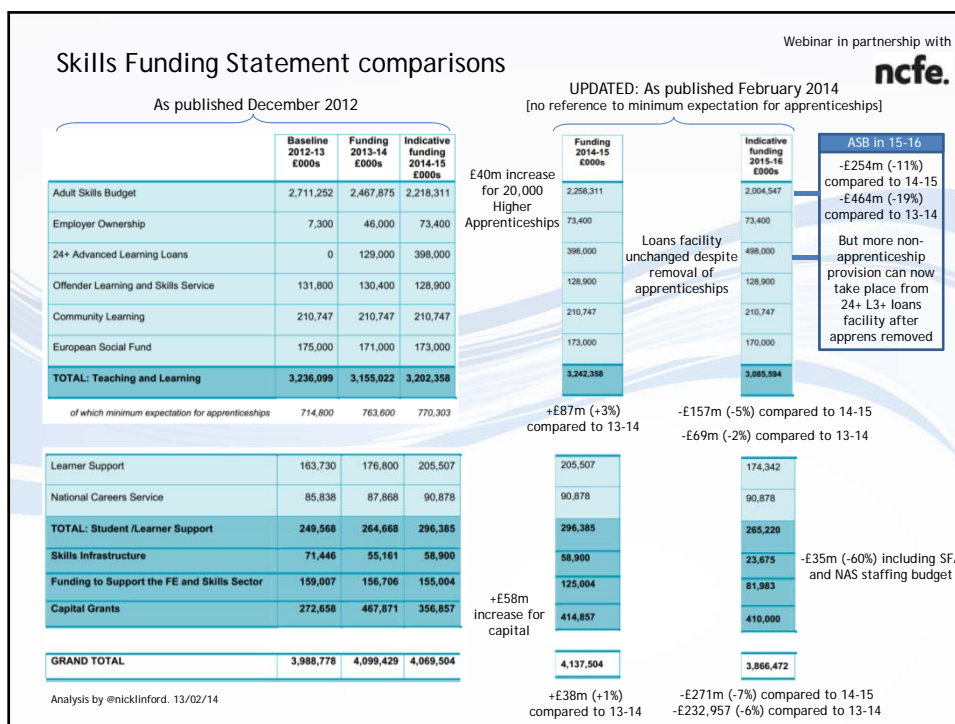
Skills Funding Statement Priorities

Should come as no surprise

“Our priorities remain to provide **Traineeships** to improve young people’s chances of gaining **sustainable employment**; **Apprenticeships** as a core offer to all young adults; **English and maths** for those who need them; and provision for all learners to increase their skills, competence and knowledge. It is paramount when using our limited funding that we ensure a continual improvement in quality and value for money. We must use our collective expertise and evidence to build a responsive skills system that has rigour, employer ownership and enterprise at its core.”

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Skills Funding Statement 2013-2016

My key messages

RELATIVELY, good overall deal for FE

Despite Treasury attempts, suffered no bigger cut than previously indicated. However, HE budget was cut an additional £125m, but did not completely lose the £332m Student Opportunity Fund (as feared)

BUT, FE cuts still coming as previously indicated

In a single year (2015-16) there will be a £157m (5%) cut to total Teaching and Learning budget. Impact will be felt on last four months 2014/15 and first eight months of the 2015/16 academic year

AND, cut will depend on provision type. Looks like a 40%+ cut if not apprenticeships or funded via a loan

- Apprenticeship funding protected and growing?
- So extra pressure on ASB after appren loans scrapped
- Although approx £60m more for non-appren loans now
- We wait to hear how the SFA will manage this shift in 2014/15 allocations (due in March)

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Skills Funding Statement 2013-2016

New information (one of two)

Traineeships feature heavily (mentioned 32 times to be exact)

Include 24 year-olds from August 2014

Funding method and provider eligibility will be unchanged next year

Appears to be no ring-fenced nor additional funding

From 2015/16 there may be a 'consistent' 16-24 traineeship funding model, to include funding for 'positive outcomes'

Still no update on from when traineeships will be exempted from the DWP '16 hour rule'

Apprenticeship ('top priority') funding reform continues

FE loans for apprentices scrapped, and from February reverts back to co-funding from ASB allocation (backdated to August with detail from SFA to come)

New 'streamlined and standardised' funding system (eg HMRC led) with 'minimum disruption' may be piloted with Trailblazers from August 2014

Level 2 apprentices without level 2 Eng & maths will have to study it

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New information (two of two)

Funding cap per month

There is a concern that 'accelerated learning delivery' risks 'reducing quality' so non-apprenticeship provision will be subject to a funding per month limit

Funding payments and performance based on wider outcomes

"We recognise that success rates do not reflect the full range of policy outcomes we are looking for. We have put in place measures to capture learner destinations on the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) as we consider how funding can be more strongly linked to outcomes in future. As part of this we expect providers to place a greater emphasis in 2014/15 on capturing destination information for all your learners.

"We have been working on three core measures: destination (into further learning or into/within employment), progression (through learning) and earnings changes(following completion of learning)."

Much tougher qualification funding eligibility

"The approval for funding new qualifications will only occur when [new business rule] process is completed and, importantly, a real demand for the qualification has been shown" - eg maybe only 15 QCF credits and above for level 2 to 4. See <http://tinyurl.com/pgmld8p>

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Skills Funding Statement - what next

We await details of qualifications eligible for funding next year, how the Skills Funding Agency will allocated the budget to providers for 2014/15, and any other changes to eligibility, the formula and/or methodology (should be in their 'Funding Rules 2014/15 when published')

Oh, and the simple matter of curriculum planning for 2014/15....

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Q&A

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Impact of SFA funding changes

- We're adopting a number of approaches, looking at each affected qualification individually
- We've already proactively put in an appeal for certain qualifications, where we feel that the loss of public funding will have a strong adverse effect on specific learners
- We have a number of new qualifications which *do* meet the new criteria which we'll be submitting to the SFA for funding approval as soon as possible

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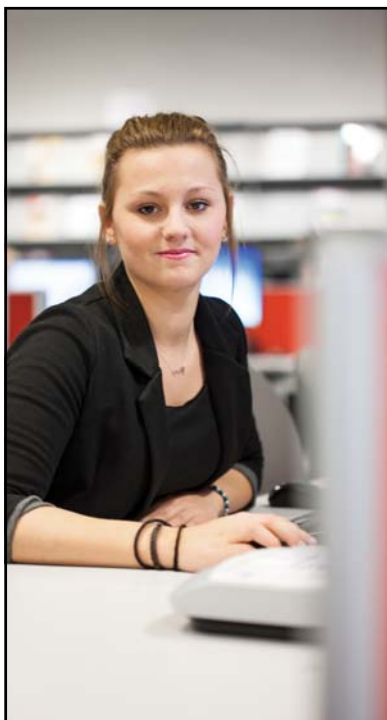
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