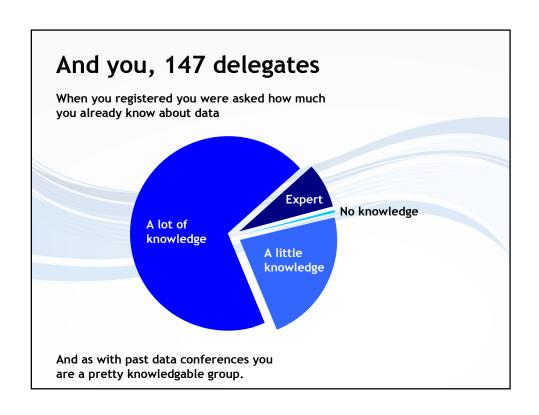


Conference programme

- 10.30 Welcome and introductions
- 10.40 Latest news from the information authority
- 11.10 Latest news from the Data Service
- 11.40 Break for refreshments and networking
- 12.00 Latest news from the Learning Records Service
- 12.30 Q&A session
- 13.00 Break for lunch and networking
- 13.50 Audit pitfall and pitballs the regime for 2010/11 data
- 14.20 Funding in 2011/12 and beyond
- 15.10 Hints and tips for data quality and efficiency in 2011/12
- 15.30 Conference end









Summary

- How the move to single ILR supports business change
- Progress
- Implementation
- · Collection timetable
- · Key messages for providers
- Timetable for developing 2012/13 ILR specification

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How the move to single ILR supports business change

Important changes to FE funding arrangements:

- Freedoms, flexibilities and responsibilities
- Introduction of single adult skills budget
- Funding simplification
- Provider empowerment

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Single ILR Progress

- Single ILR specification and XML schema published at end of February 2011
- Version 2 of single ILR specification, XSD and business rules updated with corrections on 14 April 2011
- Collection timetable published 27 May 2011
- Provider support manual close to publication

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Single ILR Implementation (1)

- Implementation for providers during 2011/12
- Provider prepares data in current flat file ILR format or single ILR format
- The data that providers are asked to collect for 2011/12 is the same regardless of the output format
- Enhanced LIS provides functionality to support move to single ILR
- All 2012/13 returns in single ILR format

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Single ILR Implementation (2)

- · No separate collections during year
- · All data stored in a year to date database
- Providers can:
 - send full returns containing all learners (A file)
 - update only files containing a subset of learners (B file)
 - use only one transmission method

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ILR Collection Timetable 2011/12 Background

- · Send data at any point in the year
- Return dates indicate when Data Service will extract data for specific purposes
- Provider responsible for ensuring data is fit for purpose at return date
- Single year-end hard close for all funding streams and purposes

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ILR Collection Timetable 2011/12 Summary

- Colleges, Sixth-forms, Specialist colleges and Local Authorities ensure all data is up to date for a quarterly extract in December, February, June and September
- Private training organisations classified as 'Other' ensure all data is up to date on a monthly basis
- All providers delivering 16–18 Apprenticeships ensure that data is up to date on a monthly basis
- Almost all data extracts taken at end of fourth working day of the month

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Single ILR Key messages for providers (1)

- Send one file for 2011/12 containing all learners at the provider regardless of funding model
- Need to nominate one function only to be responsible for merging and transmitting all files to OLDC
- Careful management of file transmission numbers is required, particularly when merging files

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Single ILR Key messages for providers (2)

- If records for a learner are currently included in more than one collection with different learner reference numbers the two records for 2011/12 can be:
 - merged together to form a single learner record, or
 - held as separate records
- Duplicate learner reference numbers must be cleansed for 2011/12, that is, the same number cannot be used for more than one learner

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Single ILR Key messages for providers (3)

- Any changes made to learner reference numbers must be reported to the Data Service (old to new mapping for success rates)
- An A file will always replace all learner data for the provider – so make sure this contains all learners
- Need to understand single ILR even if you input ILR flat files into LIS as:
 - data in the LIS will be stored in single file format
 - validation will be reported in single file terminology

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Timetable for 2012/13 ILR Specification Development

- Closing date for requests for change 24 June 2011
- · Consult during July and August 2011
- · Board meets 28 September to agree changes
- Publish summary of changes in October 2011
- Publish specification 25 November 2011
- Process any late changes essential for funding in 2012/13 in November/December 2011

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Further information

Email: cst@theia.org.uk

For the single ILR specification, data model and mapping document:

http://www.theia.org.uk/ilr/ilrdocuments/201112_ilrdetail.htm

Further information on the enhancements to data collection systems:

http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/News/enhancements dc systems

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Replatforming of Data Collection systems – LIS/LARA/OLDC

Rich Williams
Head of the Data Service

Summer College Data Conference, Morley College -16 June 2011

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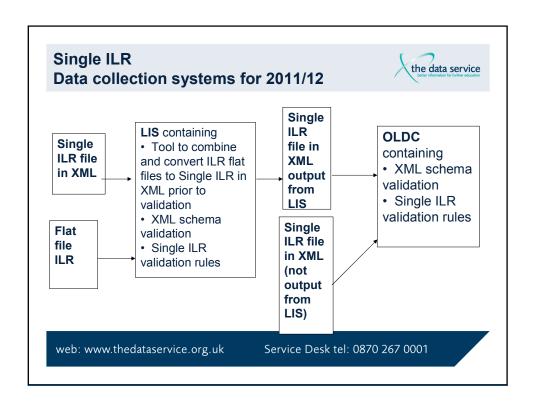
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Single ILR and XML



- To incorporate a revised, restructured ILR into the data collection process.
- Providers can only return data to the Data Service for 2011/12 in XML format.
- ILR flat file to XML converter tool available in the Learner Information Suite (LIS) to combine and convert separate ILR flat files to a single ILR in XML format.

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LAD-LARA



LARA will be the repository for learning aims from 2011/12 onwards

- New database definition for LARA LARA table and field definitions for 2011/12 document – draft published on 01 March 2011.
- LARA structure will be based on LAD database.
- Data not relevant to the 11/12 data collection will be removed.
- New data will be added to cater for:
 - Changes to the Agencies' funding systems
 - Units as Learning Aims
 - More transparency in the progress of a Learning Aim
 - LARA download and search for 11/12 and future years will be available from a new location.

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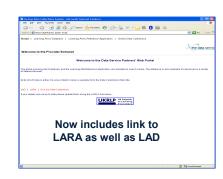
LARA - key changes for 2011/12



Location - https://gateway.imservices.org.uk/sites/lara

New look

New platform/technology



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LARA - key changes for 2011/12



Downloads

Learning Aim downloads to support the LARA Table and Field Definitions for 2011/12. Formats Supported:

- MDB format (Microsoft Access Database)
- CSV format (Comma Separated Value)
- PSV format (Pipe Separated Value Text File)

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LARA - key changes for 2011/12



The LARA Table and Field definitions for 2011/12 published on 01 March 2011 contains:

- details of 27 new tables within LARA that did not previously exist within LAD.
- 30 LAD tables have been **retained** within LARA and their purpose has remained unaltered. However, some of these tables have had fields removed or added.
- A number of tables that existed in LAD (39) have been removed as they are no longer appropriate to the way information will be held for 2011/2012 within LARA or have been replaced with new data tables.

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LARA - key changes for 2011/12



Search

Search Mechanism for Learning Aims 2011/12:

 LARA will have similar facilities to those in the LAD allowing users to search for learning aims, view and download the results of a search, view and print details for learning aims and view frameworks and a list of aims within a framework.

Please note: lookups and quick search will be available in Release 2 – November 2011

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2011/12 Learning Aims Funding data



16-18 Learner Responsive learning aims – now available in the LAD

Adult Learner Responsive learning aims – now available in the LAD

Employer Responsive Other-w/c 13 June

Employer Responsive Apprenticeships – July 2011

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Learner Information Suite (LIS)



Conversion

Amalgamation

Processing of XML files

Reports

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Overview of LIS 19



ILR data for the 2011/12 academic year is required to be in XML format before being submitted to OLDC.

The new LIS application will convert and amalgamate flat file format to produce the final ILR in the new XML format.

The new LIS application has been adapted to accommodate the single ILR – changes to field names to reflect the single ILR.

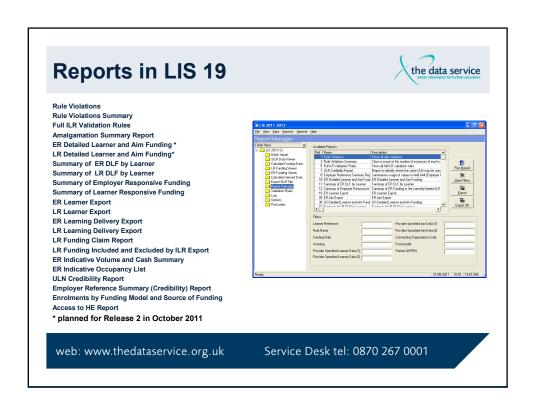
Amalgamation of A & B file types -users can select the required combination.

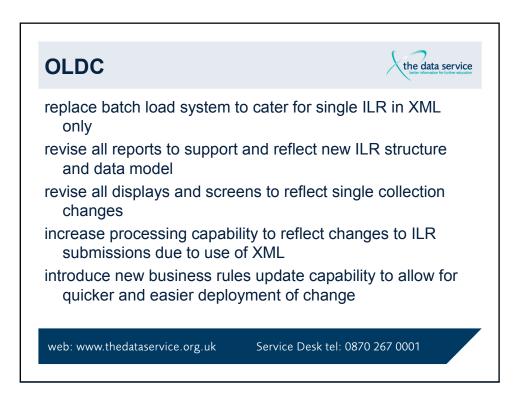
The output of a single XML file will contain only one Provider ID.

A flat-file goes through more stages such as validation, conversion to XML and schema verification. An XML file will only require schema verification.

LIS reports - updated in line with any policy changes and will be published through two releases . Reports will accommodate the 2011/12 single ILR field names

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Changes to OLDC for 2011/12



Provider On-line (POL) and Provider Batch systems – single ILR

Batch and POL error / warnings and formats will be updated to reflect the 2011/12 ILR changes e.g. ILR field name changes. Error messages will not have any references to L and A codes.

XML error messages – learning providers will need to contact their software suppliers to handle these

Changes to Provider Funding reports – to reflect single ILR, funding rule changes, Single Adult Skills budget.

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Migration



Migration will be significantly different from previous years 2011/12 migration - ER or ESF SR data using the Provider Online system (POL) in 2010/11.

The Data Service will not be migrating data for providers who send ER or ESF SR batch file returns in 2010/11.

sub-contractors in 2011/12 - as a result of new minimum contract levels will not have their data migrated.

REMINDER: providers that currently use POL for ER or ESF Short Record collections and who also send data for another collection type by ILR batch file will need to send all learner data for 2011/12 by **batch** return only in a single ILR file

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Timetable for delivery



LARA

LARA table and field definitions for 2011/12 document – draft published on **01 March 2011**.

LARA mdb database with dummy data published on 23 May 2011 (example files in each of the 3 formats csv, access, pipe delineated).

LARA table and field definitions for 2011/12 document **–Version 2** to be published **mid June** .

LARA table and field definitions for 2011/12 document – final version to be published in **July** (dependant on successful testing).

LARA live system by July 2011.

Release 2 - November 2011:

- status of a learning aim
- lookups and quick search

LIS

LIS MDB database and guidance – draft published 25 March 2011.

LIS interface specification 20 May 2011.

LIS Beta 01 June 2011.

LIS Provider release 15 July 2011

LIS Release 2 (Shadow Calcs) November 2011

OLDO

POL Providers data migration by 22 August 2011

OLDC live deployment by 22 August 2011

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Strategic Replatforming



Phase 2:

Summer 2012

Provider Information Management System (PIMS)

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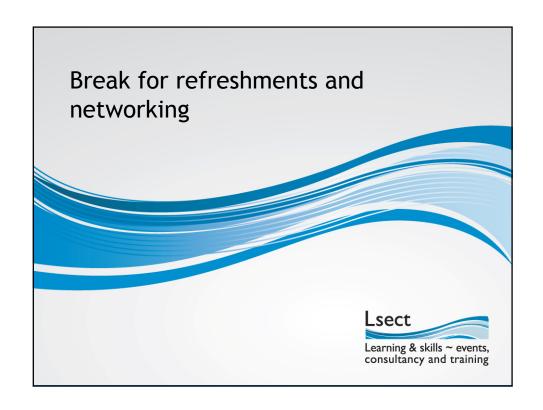


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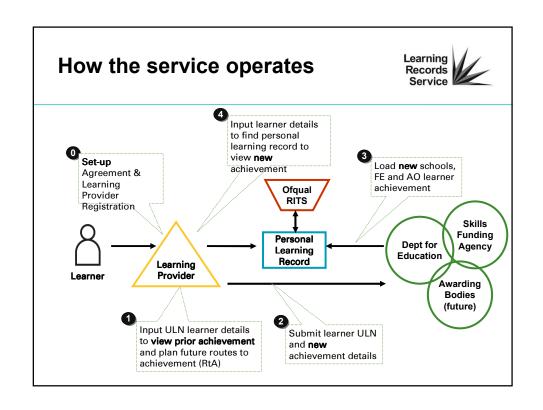
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- 1. LRS Organisation Portal
- 2. Personal Learning Record
- 3. Processing exceptions



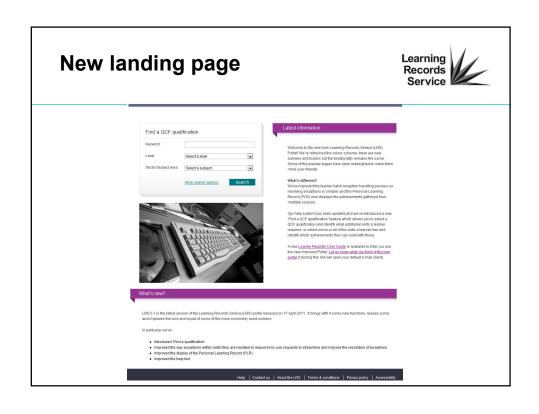


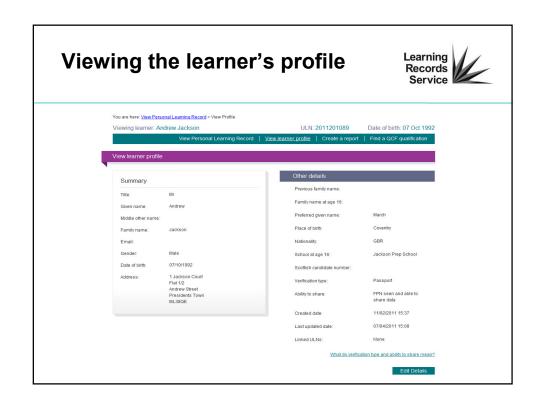


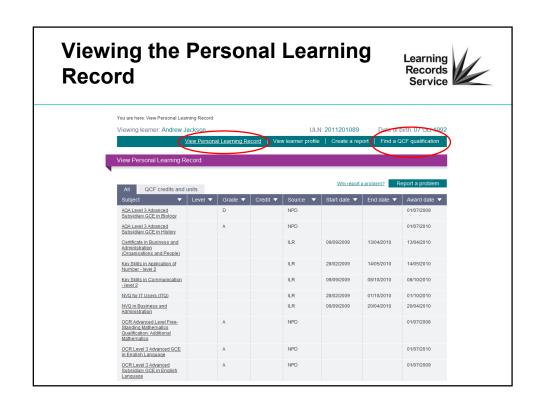
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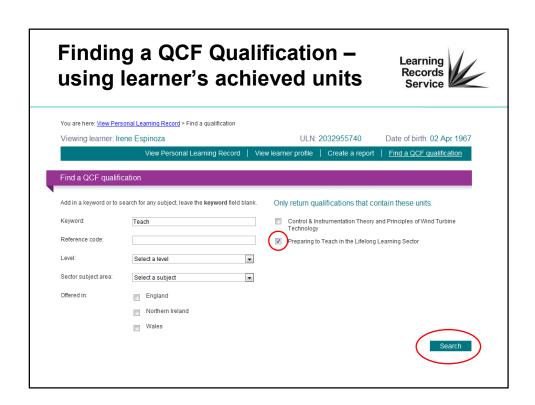


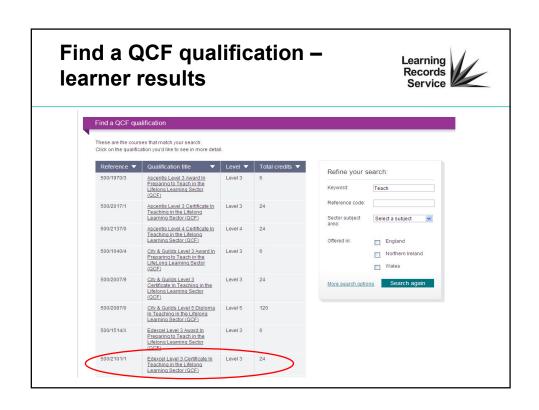
- * ULN is the key to education for learners supported by the Learner Passport (online identification)
- Now supporting 14-19 Diplomas, QCF, FE Funding through ILR, Next Step, IAG
- * Increasing need to collect, find and update/sync ULN data during enrolment and for awarding:
 - Given Name; Family Name; Date of Birth; Gender; and Post Code.
- * Some providers are creating multiple records (i.e. two or more ULNs for one learner) rather than collecting and finding the ULN

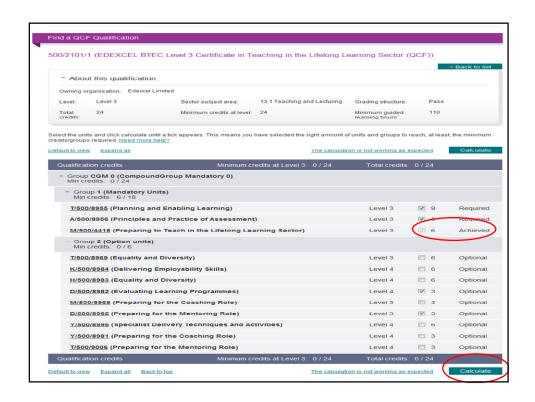


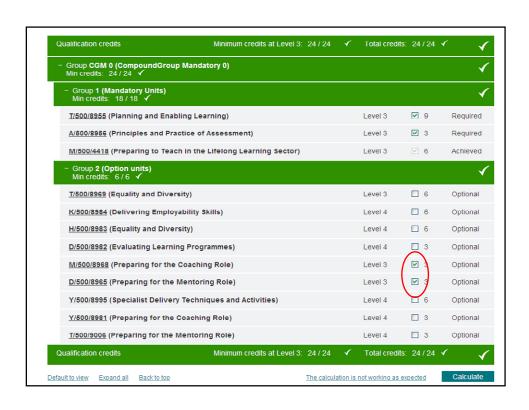


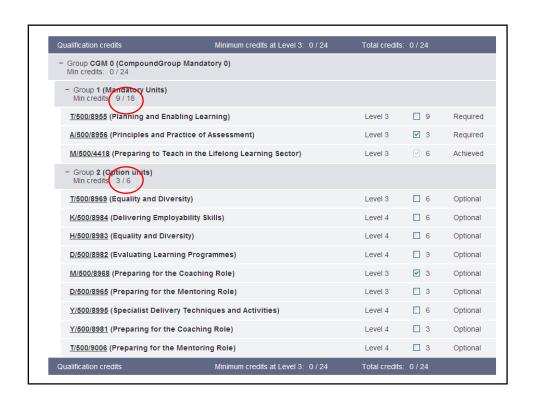




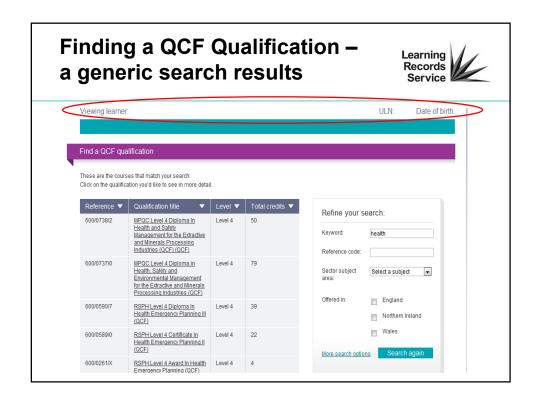


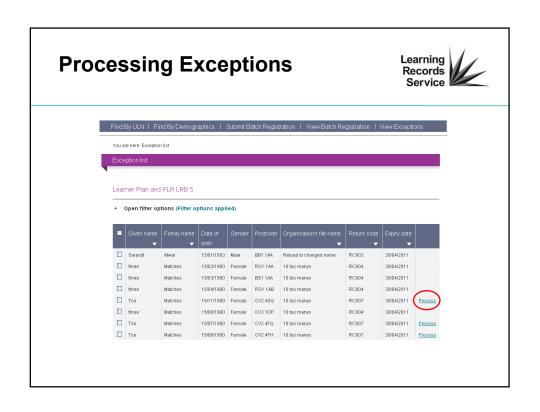


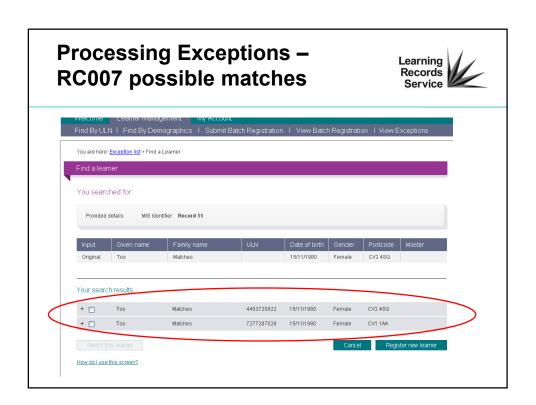


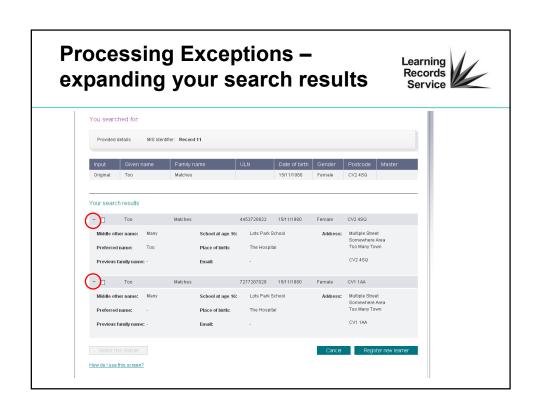


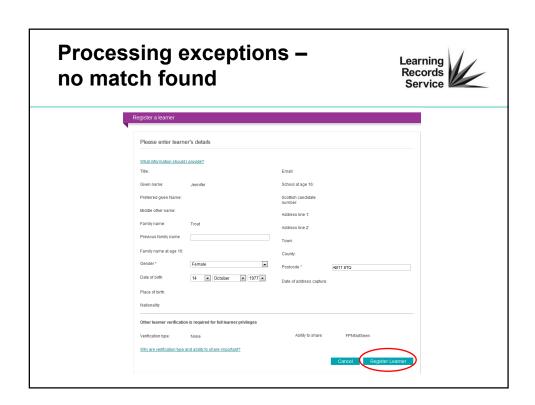




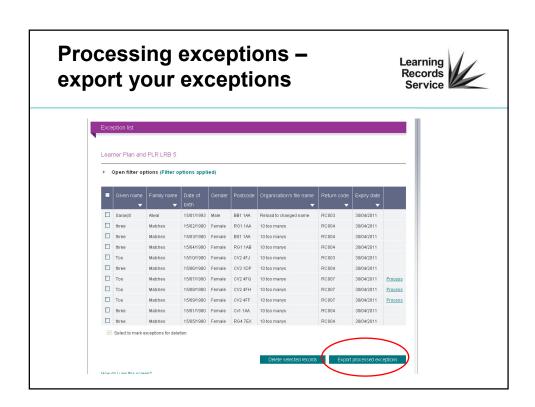


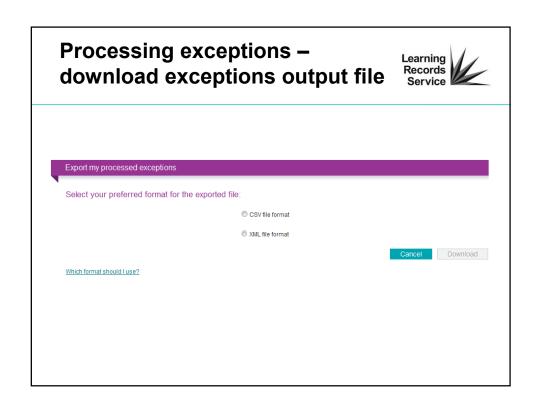


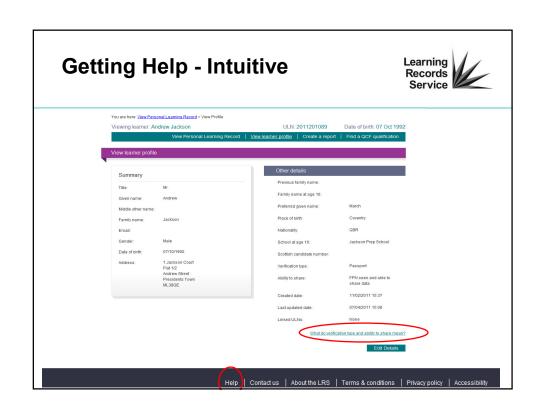


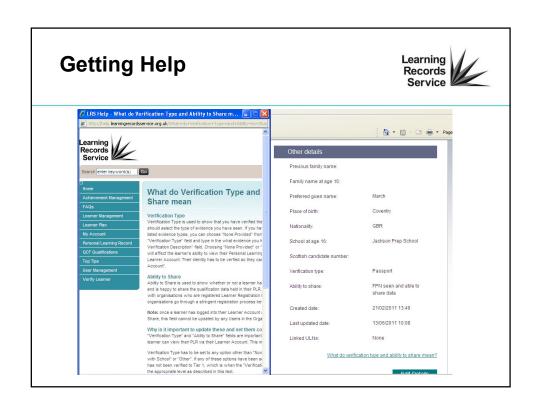




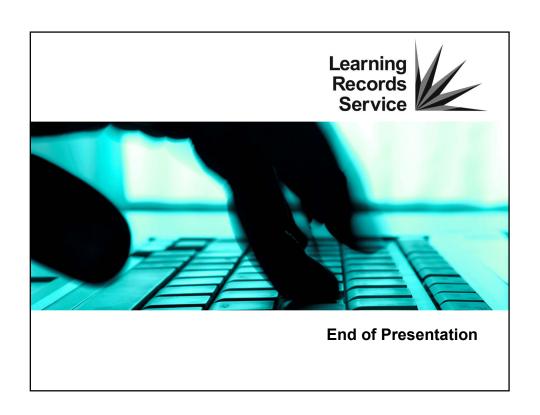


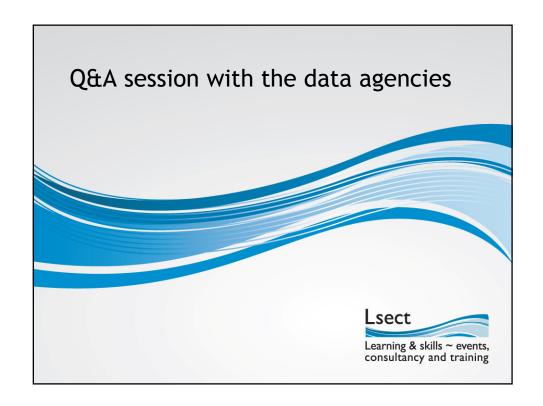


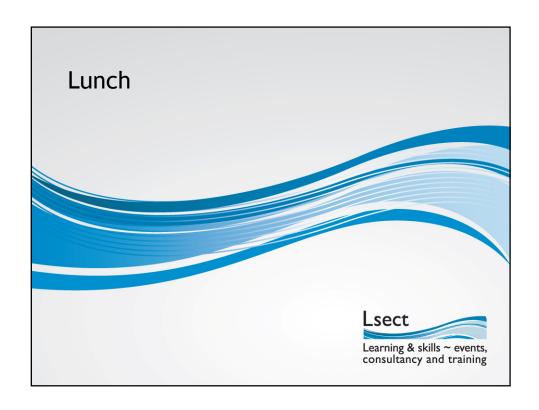


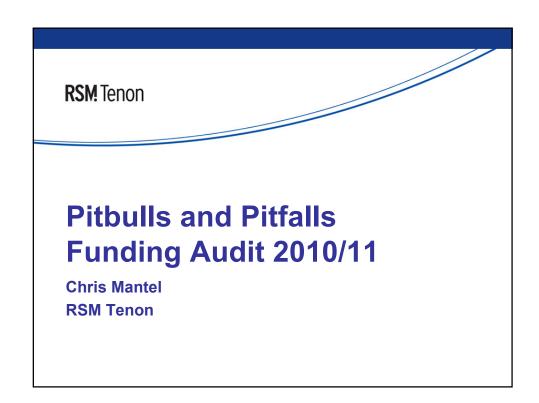












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What's happening this year?

Providers to be audited have been selected
Work to be completed by the same firms and PFA
Audit firms and PFA have been notified who they are
auditing

Providers will be notified in early July
We will be in touch shortly after to book in the audit

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What's happening this year (continued)

Circa 80 providers are being audited for 2010/11

3/4 of these are Colleges

A number of providers already know they are being audited due to qualified audits and NTIs

Remainder are selected at random

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Work Programme

New version of DSAT will be issued shortly

Sample sizes are the same as previous years (maximum sample is 80 16-18 and 80 19+)

Where providers have Foundation Learning programmes for 16-18 learners these 'may' be covered as part of the 16-18 sample

Samples issued in advance (10 working days prior to start of audit)

Prepared by Provider reports issued at same time

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Work Programme

Very similar to previous years

Emphasis on:

Eligibility

Attendance/GLH

Fee waiver

Disadvantage uplift

Composition of learning programme including subsidiary elements

NVQ

Unitisation

Other funding streams

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Sub-contracting

Contracts

UKPRN checks

Providers will need to provide us with a copy subcontracting submission that was made at the start of the year

Possibility of checks on good practice controls (this is still to be confirmed)

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DSATs

Complete DSAT reviews will still be completed

Auditors will however review less reports

Detailed work round new Ofsted reports

Samples selected for some reports e.g. High AGLH, retention and withdrawals

DSAT review will be sent in advance, where possible with the sample

These need to be reviewed and corrected prior to the audit as we have to account for changes in the funding

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EMA and ALG

Sample size of 30 for each Sample period will be March No bonus testing

Where providers were audited last year and issues identified these will be followed up. Where error rates were 5% or greater we will check to see if adjustments were made to recover payments via LAPs

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Management Letters

Plan will be to issue an initial draft within 5 working days of completing the core fieldwork

Once follow up work has been completed and issues finalised all firms will reissue the management letter

Providers will have 10 working days to respond to the report

If responses are not provided within this time we will issue to the Agencies as final

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Opinion and Deadlines

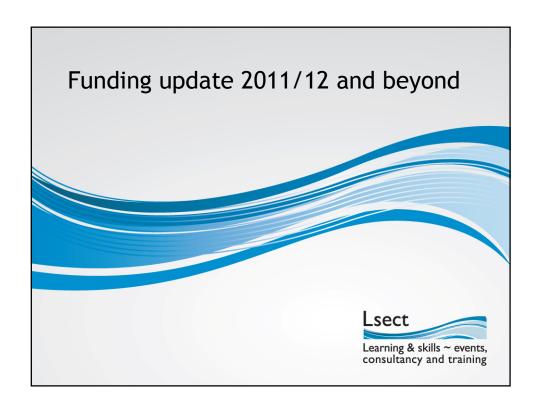
We now only have 3 audit opinions available to us
Our deadline to submit opinions is 21 November
In order for us to complete our work we will need final claims and LR05 by 18 November at the latest

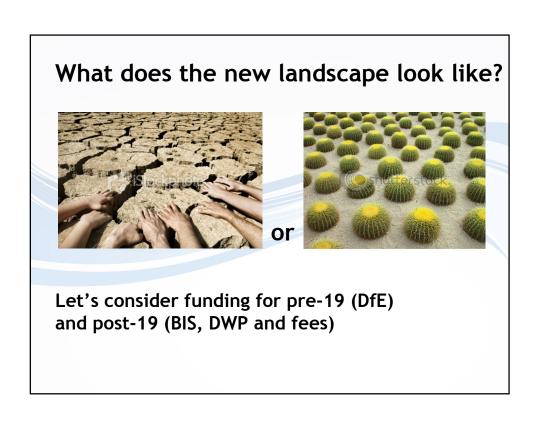
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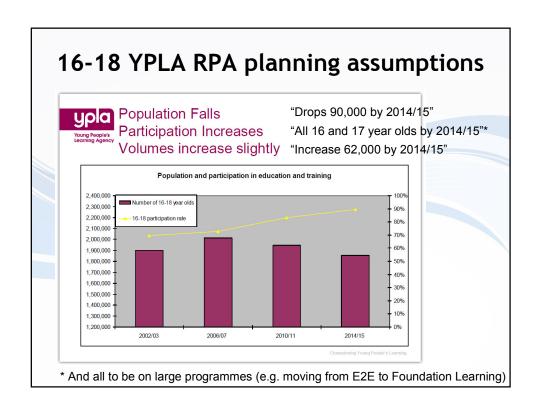
Final points

Go for the early audit where possible
Get the issues on the table ASAP
Check your DSATs
Get plenty of feedback from the auditors
Fix what you can while auditors are still onsite









Efficiencies needed (more for less)

- Reductions in 16-18 unit costs (programme size) via reduced SLN per learner per year cap (1.75 to 1.56)
- 74% reduction in "generic" entitlement curriculum hours
- Converge SSF funding with other providers by 2014/15
- Transitional Protection for three years (until 2013/14)
- Maximum loss of 3% per learner in 2011/12

YPLA attempting to announce all policy changes now, and not change for four years (Wolf Review already altered this)

16-18 final 11/12 allocation summary

On 29th March 2011 colleges received their final 16-18 learner-responsive allocations, alongside several letters and technical guidance documents. Download them from http://www.lsect.co.uk/updates/08-02-11-16-18.asp

- ~ The redistributed £150m is now <u>additional</u> to the -3% transitional protection, so likely allocations are better than expected for many
- ~ Capping largest 20% by programme size scrapped
- ~ SLN cap to be 1.56 and national funding rate to stay £2,920

Afforded by YPLA revising their planning assumptions since December 2010, which took out 51k FE learners and £67m

Many will have better allocations than expected, but will need to find efficiencies (e.g. increase class size)

16-18 concluding summary

Individual college impact on overall **budget** will differ based on past recruitment (learner lagged numbers), but most facing per learner **rate** reductions of 3%

Demand expected to increase in next few years owing to Raising the Participation Age (to colleges?)

So 'more for less' the sector strap-line

Likely colleges will need to as a minimum (top three):

- ~ Increase class size
- ~ Reduce teaching hours
- ~ Improve early retention

The 19+ spending for 2011/12 Skills Strategy published November 2010 ~ FE resource budget reduced by 25% by 2014-15* ~ Significant growth in 19+ Apprenticeships ~ Introduction of OIPs and £500k Minimum Contract Levels (MCL) 19+ Adult Skills Budget which includes 19+ Apprenticeship funding £2.85bn £700k 7% more 1.4% less 68% more £2.8bn £600k £2.75bn £500k 3.9% less £2.7bn £400k £2.65bn £2.6bn £300k 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 Financial year Financial year * Looks like biggest 'cuts' kick in for 2013-14 and 2014-15 when L3+ loans introduced

Policy announcements

BIS Skills Strategy (Nov 2010) http://tinyurl.com/35utxks

SFA Guidance Note 6 (Dec 2010) http://tinyurl.com/2ugc9t5

SFA Guidance Note 7 (April 2011) http://tinyurl.com/652d9ql

- ~ Learners on 'inactive benefits' = no longer fully funded (50% funded)
 - Inactive benefit = Council Tax Benefit, Housing Benefit, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Pension Credit and contribution based ESA (unless in the Work Related Activity Group), dependents of those these benefits and Asylum Seekers (to be confirmed)
- ~ Single Line Adult Skills Budget ends FE college monopoly LR funding
- ~ Rate reduction across LR and ER (4.3%) and Skills for Life weighting of 20% is scrapped (was 40% before this year)

19+ allocation summary

On 31st March 2011 colleges received their allocations, and the final allocation notes can be downloaded from: http://www.lsect.co.uk/updates/22-03-11-ALR.asp

Many will have been surprised to be allocated more next year than this year. Final allocations greater than indicative as:

- ~ Planned 3.4% allocation reduction (excl. Apprenticeships) scrapped
- ~ Standard 19+ apprenticeship allocation +13.6% as opposed to +11.7%
- ~ The Adult Additional Learning Support budget is now + 5.9% not 2%
- ~ The Formal First Step Learning no longer reduced by 2%

Afforded as 'money was being held back that was not needed'

Yet, what remains unchanged is that the national funding rate falls 4.3%, programme weighting for Skills for Life scrapped and many inactive-benefit learners will become co-funded

Many colleges will not be able to earn all their allocation owing to new policies, and the SFA introducing 'protection')

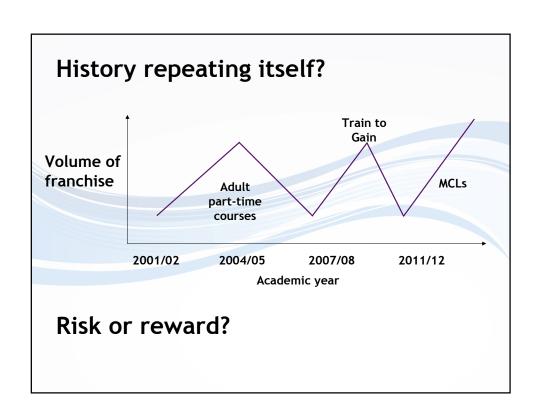
19+ concluding summary

More for less, and directed towards:

- Paying to get someone off benefits and into work (OIP) saves the Treasury. Could it become DWP funded as part of 'Skills Conditionality'? Read FE Week agitator page 6.
- Paying to train people in work, mainly via 'high quality' Apprenticeships (Level 2 - 5) and with significant employer cash fee contribution? Need employer buy-in

Many colleges have a great distance to travel. How much funding will go unspent in 2011/12?

When colleges need help generating their allocation history suggests that risky sub-contracting (franchise) rises



What does the new landscape look like?





Beyond 2011/12 & 'simplification' plans

Both the YPLA and SFA very tight lipped

What have I heard second hand?

YPLA

- ~ Consultation keeps being delayed
- ~ Should have been May, now maybe July
- ~ Full implementation for 2012/13 unlikely
- ~ Trying to fund by FT programme
- ~ Could be: Rate per learner x PW x ACU + LP
- ~ DfE seem to think part time won't exist

Skills Funding Agency

- ~ Not consulting openly, but has working group
- ~ Still not finalised 2011/12 rules (e.g. OIPs)
- ~ Funding matrix keeps changing (6 x 4?) = 24
- ~ Modelling shows large variation by provider
- Re-calibration of funding rates and more transitional protection likely
- Struggling to work out how to fund apprenticeship Frameworks
- ~ 15-20% dependent on Outcome Payment?

Will methodology be simpler?

Cost of change to Dept and provider?

Who is really calling for it?

What will 'phased' and 'transitional' look like?

Oh, and then there are policy changes (entitlements, loans, fees etc)....



Data quality part 1

Important to understand the types of data quality

Validity (LIS error reports)

Credibility (LIS warning reports, DSATs, Ofsted, ILR FAQs)

Completeness (Data Dashboards and Annex P thresholds)

Timeliness (ILR Hard Closes and ER timeliness reports)

Relevance (are you using all the data you collect?)

Data quality part 2

SFA have just published summary of issues from the 2009/10 LR audits (some of which led to claw-back)

New issues

- ~ Functional Skills
- ~ Duplicated funding claims for the same learner
- ~ Subsidiary aims (use of A51a)
- ~ Overseas Learners

Recuring issues

- ~ GLH for unlisted aims
- ~ Eligibility and enrolment
- ~ Inadequate controls over sub-contracted provision
- ~ Inconsistent start and/or end dates
- ~ Attendance registers missing or incomplete
- ~ Fee remission
- ~ Achievement
- ~ Other issues raised included errors in recording NVQ delivery, disadvantage uplift, learner transfers and completeness of data.



http://tinyurl.com/45uxjbf

