

## **National Commissioning Framework - Consultation Questions**

Please provide answers to the questions below:

### **General/Section 1.1**

1. Does the document make it clear the absolute essential processes, roles and responsibilities to ensure that education and training places for young people will be commissioned on time, to quality and within budget for 2011/12? If not, how could it be set out to make this clearer?
2. Is the strategic framework for the National Commissioning Framework (NCF) clear?
3. Will the NCF provide the right process to support the delivery of our desired outcomes of increased participation, attainment, progression and value for money? If not, why not and how could it be improved?
4. Does the process which the NCF sets out enable the delivery of the key principles behind it? If not, why not and what changes could be made so that it does?

### **Section 1.2 - Key Contributors to the Commissioning Process**

5. Are the roles and responsibilities of each of the partners clear? If not, why not and how could they be improved?

### **Section 1.3 – Key Elements of the Commissioning Process**

6. Are the elements of the commissioning process (and the responsibility for undertaking particular tasks) sufficiently clear?
7. Are all the right steps included, and are they in the right sequence? If not, what do you think should be different and why?

### **Section 2 – Planning, Allocation and Funding**

8. Is it clear how each of the processes below will operate within the NCF and are they workable and deliverable? If not, how could it be improved?
  - a. planning;
  - b. allocation; and
  - c. funding.
9. Will these processes enable us to deliver our objectives? If not, why not and how could they be improved to ensure we could achieve our objectives?
10. Where do you expect the main pressure points to be in the planning and allocation timetable? How might these pressures be alleviated?
11. Are the criteria for resolving complaints reasonable? If not, why not?
12. Are the processes and timelines robust? If not where and how could they be

improved?

13. Are the underpinning principles for Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) statutory intervention reasonable and balanced? If not how could they be improved?

### **Section 3 – Funding, Payments and Assurance**

14. Is it clear how the payments and assurance processes will operate within the NCF and are they workable and deliverable? If not, how could it be improved?
15. Is a system of in-year adjustment to allocations desirable and practical? If changes should be made what are they?

### **Section 4 – Performance Management Framework**

16. Is it clear how the Quality Assurance System will operate, and what the respective roles are for local authorities and the YPLA? If not, how could it be improved?
17. Do you think Minimum Levels of Performance policy should be reviewed in the light of the new commissioning arrangements? If so, why and how?

### **Annex 1 – Commissioning Provision for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities**

18. Is it clear how provision for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities will be commissioned within the NCF and is the process practical and deliverable? If not, how could it be improved?
19. Does the commissioning process for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities take account of the experience of learners and their parents/carers? If not, how should these needs be addressed?

### **Annex 3 – Commissioning 16-19 Apprenticeships**

20. Is it clear how 16-19 Apprenticeships will be commissioned within the NCF and is the process practical and deliverable? If not, how could it be improved?

### **Annex 4 – Commissioning Education and Training for Young Offenders in Youth Custody**

21. Is it clear how youth custody education and training will operate within the NCF and is the process practical and deliverable? If not, how could it be improved?
22. How can this process be effectively integrated and aligned with wider mainstream planning and commissioning?

**Any additional comments**

23. Do you have any further comments which could help the effectiveness and deliverability of the NCF, and ensure we achieve our outcomes?

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