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# 1.

## **Information: college financial plans 2016**

Colleges are reminded that they need to submit their completed financial plans no later than 31 July 2016 in accordance with the guidance in the [Financial Planning Handbook](#).

Colleges should send their completed financial plan templates, signed coversheet and accompanying commentary to [pfm@sfa.bis.gov.uk](mailto:pfm@sfa.bis.gov.uk)

# 2.

## **Information: online videos on the colleges financial framework**

EFA has published a presentation for colleges that gives an [overview of the college financial reporting framework](#)  covering outcomes from the 2014 to 2015 financial year and arrangements and points to note for 2015 to 2016.

# 3.

## **Information: learning difficulty assessments (LDAs) and high needs funding for 2016 to 2017 academic year**

Learning difficulty assessments (LDAs) will cease to have statutory basis from 1 September 2016. In order to avoid any disruption to 19-25 year old students who have a LDA, and are currently funded as high needs students, our [high needs funding: operational guide 2016 to 2017](#) has been updated to describe the specific circumstances where they will continue to be eligible for high needs funding.

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