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2. Details of HEFCW's formula funding methods can be found on HEFCW's [website](#).
3. These allocations were first announced in circular [W19/14HE](#) (HEFCW's Funding Allocations 2019/20) and then updated in circular [W20/20HE](#) (HEFCW's Funding Allocations 2020/21). The detail in this document will not match the first circular due to the fact that it is a forward looking budget 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: Research, Teaching, Other and Non-Grant in Aid.

Description of lines

Research and Innovation

Quality Research (QR) funding

5. QR is formula funding to underpin research activity. It was allocated on the basis of the outcomes of the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

Postgraduate Research (PGR) funding

6. PGR funding was allocated by formula to help support the training of PGR students. In AY 2019/20, the disability premium was also allocated in respect of PGR students. This allocation is included under Teaching in **Annex A**.

Research Funding Capital & Research Funding Revenue

7. HEFCW's revised FY 2018-19 remit letter provided for an additional allocation of £6.6m (£4.2m revenue funding and £2.4m capital funding) to support higher education research in Wales. Funding was made available to HEIs in Wales on the basis of strengthening the research base and incentivising grant capture. The funding allocation represents the final payments under this allocation.

Welsh Crucible

8. Funded by a consortium of Welsh HEIs and HEFCW, Welsh Crucible is a training programme that brings together thirty researchers each year to facilitate and promote research-inspired innovation and cross-disciplinary collaboration in Wales. HEFCW provided a contribution to the programme via grant payment to Cardiff University.

Innovation Capacity Development Fund

9. HEFCW's revised FY 2019-20 remit letter provided for additional revenue funding to support reforms arising from the Welsh Government response to the Diamond and Reid reviews. Following consultation, £7.5m of this additional revenue was allocated to provide urgently needed pump-priming support for innovation and engagement activity in AY 2019/20. One-off Innovation Capacity Development Fund allocations were paid to institutions in April 2020 to build capacity ahead of HEFCW's Research Wales Innovation Fund planned for AY 2020/21 onwards.

Teaching

Full-time undergraduate and PGCE funding

10. This is primarily the expensive subject premium designed to focus funding in those areas previously funded at a higher level by HEFCW, prior to the introduction of the new fee regime in AY 2012/13, rather than that currently available through fee income. These areas are Clinical Dentistry and Medicine and the performance element of Conservatoire training. In addition, a higher cost subjects' premium was introduced in AY 2019/20 for full-time undergraduate provision. This premium was allocated in respect of Non-clinical Medicine and Dentistry, Science & Engineering and Technology, and Mathematical Sciences, IT and Computing.
11. In addition, a per capita amount of £5 was awarded for all full-time undergraduate/PGCE students.

Part-time and postgraduate taught: Per-capita, premiums and credit-based funding

12. Allocations of credit-based funds for part-time undergraduate teaching are determined using HEFCW's established teaching funding method. Further information is available on HEFCW's website.
13. In addition to the credit-based teaching funding, several premiums were allocated in respect of part-time undergraduate provision in AY 2019/20: an access and retention premium; a disability premium and a Welsh medium

premium. A per capita amount of £5 was also awarded for all part-time and postgraduate taught students.

Also included under Teaching in **Annex A** are:

Part-time fee waiver

14. HEFCW's part-time undergraduate fee waiver scheme offers grants to institutions that waive fees for part-time undergraduate students who are unemployed and registered jobseekers, or are in receipt of Department for Work and Pensions benefits and who meet the eligibility criteria of the scheme.

Open University in Wales Mitigation funding

15. This funding is to recognise the unique circumstances of the Open University in Wales which saw a removal of strategy funding when the new fee regime was introduced in AY 2012/13, with an inability to recoup that funding through full-time undergraduate fee income.

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – Performance element funding

16. Performance element funding for conservatoire provision is allocated to the University of South Wales for provision at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama (the College), which is part of the University of South Wales Group. An allocation of £585k is made to support strategic developments at the College in addition to the Performance element funding provided through the Expensive Subject Provision. This strategic funding ensures that the overall funding for conservatoire provision, does not decrease below the funding provided in AY 2018/19.

Other

Capital Funding

17. Capital funding, made available in the FY 2019-20 remit letter, supported projects that improve the Learning and Teaching space and benefit the Student Experience. The conditions to this funding meant that projects needed to reduce institutional financial risks associated with estate utilisation and reduce the level of future expenditure on university operations.

GO Wales: Achieve through Work Experience

18. This programme is aimed at improving the employability of students aged under 25 years old most likely to not be in education, employment or training when they graduate by creating tailored work experience opportunities. The project is part funded by the European Social Fund.

Reaching Wider

19. The Reaching Wider Programme that aims to widening access to higher education via collaborative action, is delivered by three regional Reaching Wider Partnerships. The Programme's aims are to widen access to higher education for people living in the bottom two quintiles of the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation; for adults without level four qualifications; and for people with experience of care and carers.

Sector Agency Transfer

20. Support for sector agencies and some programmes (e.g. Advance HE and institutional costs of the National Student Survey) were funded by institutions. Funding to the sector agencies was paid through HEFCW, and the funding was recouped by HEFCW from institutions. However from AY 2019/20, HEFCW funded these activities therefore the sector agency recovery ceased. These transactions represent the final adjustments recovery adjustments for AY 2018/19.

Postgraduate Taught Interim Support

21. Remaining funds from FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to support a scheme to encourage postgraduate study in Wales.

Postgraduate Taught incentivisation bursaries

22. This funding was allocated for AY 2019/20, the first year of a pilot scheme to increase the number of Welsh graduates who remain in or return to Wales to undertake a master's degree in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) subjects, and/or through the medium of Welsh.
23. Funding was also available for a bursary scheme for students aged 60 or over, studying for a postgraduate taught Master's degree in Wales. This was set up in AY 2019/20 in view of Her Majesty's Treasury restrictions on the provision of loans for postgraduate courses to individuals aged 60 or over.

Additional Medical Places

24. Additional funding was provided to HEFCW by the Welsh Government to support HEFCW's expensive subject premium, higher cost subjects premium and per capita funding in response to an expansion in medical undergraduate places.

Degree Apprenticeships

25. A pilot scheme for degree apprenticeships was launched in FY 2018-19. This is a three-year scheme which covers two frameworks - digital and engineering and advanced manufacturing.

Well-being and Health in Higher Education

26. Funding to support collaborative, funded proposals, led by universities, for strategic projects to improve and support student well-being and health in higher education.

Welsh Higher Education Brussels (WHEB)

27. WHEB represents all Welsh Universities and aims to promote higher education and research activities in Wales. HEFCW provides a contribution to WHEB via grant payment to Aberystwyth University

Safeguarding

28. Funding for well-being and health, including mental health, in higher education to improve safeguarding policies and practices and to promote period dignity initiatives in higher education.

Non-Grant in Aid

Higher Education Research Capital (HERC) match funds

29. The Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) confirmed that it would provide research capital funding to the four UK HE funding bodies for FY 2019-20. The funding was awarded pro-rata to the average research council income generated by qualifying institutions.
30. BEIS required this funding to be matched by a similar contribution and the Welsh Government provided this.
31. The Welsh Government element of the grant was allocated pro-rata to recurrent QR funding and other research income. In calculating the

allocations we used the most recent data available with the Welsh Government element based on AY 2019/20 recurrent QR grant and AY 2017/18 for other research income. Similarly, the BEIS allocation had been calculated by reference to an average of the AY 2015/16 – 2017/18 Research Councils' income.

QR Global Challenges Research Fund

32. The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) is a UK-wide programme funded through the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). It supports cutting-edge research that addresses the challenges faced by developing countries through:
- challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research
 - strengthening capacity for research and innovation within both the UK and developing countries
 - providing an agile response to emergencies where there is an urgent research need.
33. In addition to the funding which it provides to the Research Councils, the Learned Societies and UK Space Agency, BEIS also provides an element of GCRF funding to Research England. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for BEIS to provide equivalent allocations to the higher education funding bodies of the devolved countries of the UK.

UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF)

34. 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 was made available on a UK-wide basis through BEIS, and was distributed by Research England acting in conjunction with the other UK higher education funding/ regulatory bodies, which includes HEFCW.

Further information

35. For further information, contact Gemma Stephens, email gemma.stephens@hefcw.ac.uk.

Institutional Payments for Academic Year 2019/20

HEFCW circular W20/38HE: Annex A

University of South Wales	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	Cardiff University	University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Swansea University	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Wrexham Glyndŵr University	Open University in Wales	University of Wales Registry	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Gower College Swansea	Grŵp NPTC Group	Total
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Research

QR	1,630,255	7,473,766	7,695,873	42,430,691	318,295	14,658,050	1,135,681	229,195		205,537				75,777,343
PGR	251,455	439,182	777,029	3,379,391	28,832	1,462,178	148,816							6,486,883
Research Funding-capital		68,839	101,958	697,787		331,416								1,200,000
Research funding-revenue	66,382	274,673	202,598	1,036,003	75,000	407,844	37,500	37,500						2,137,500
Welsh Crucible				15,000										15,000
Innovation Capacity Development Fund	684,770	724,426	1,051,726	1,377,862	871,787	1,141,907	777,784	473,143	396,595					7,500,000
Total	2,632,862	8,980,886	9,829,184	48,936,734	1,293,914	18,001,395	2,099,781	739,838	396,595	205,537	0	0	0	93,116,726

Teaching*

FT UG/PGCE	4,118,996	314,486	346,148	12,087,212	125,177	3,393,059	254,320	92,781			7,442		1,924	20,741,545
PT & PGT	4,768,145	326,646	250,354	1,748,799	2,400,587	944,562	655,388	2,513,983	12,071,299		864,539	90,782	121,747	26,756,831
Total	8,887,141	641,132	596,502	13,836,011	2,525,764	4,337,621	909,708	2,606,764	12,071,299	0	871,981	90,782	123,671	47,498,376

Other Lines

Capital Funding	1,616,846	750,000	882,674	2,450,476	750,000	1,584,298	840,706	750,000	375,000					10,000,000
GOWales	242,735	152,943	78,766	199,183	123,471	173,610	112,098	80,958	57,751					1,221,514
Reaching Wider **	885,882		384,496			429,622								1,700,000
Sector Agency Transfer	4,141	4,055	4,332	10,562	(122,833)	7,358	3,061	1,366	1,301					(86,657)
PGT Interim Support	686,616	64,904	145,180	315,980	237,412	304,024	186,172	68,320	92,232					2,100,840
PGT Stemm & WM Bursaries	711,257	77,069	280,819	488,259	40,434	706,366	363,920	104,316	34,580					2,807,020
PGT 60+ Bursaries	4,900	9,633	9,633	29,067	6,533	16,333	9,633	8,167	9,800					103,699
Additional Medical Places				115,300		180,100								295,400
Degree Apprenticeships	248,400		180,000	63,000	1,011,150	783,000	234,000	468,000	229,500					3,217,050
Well-being and Health in HE			571,895	660,000		575,000		430,000	60,000					2,296,895
WHEB		37,500												37,500
Safeguarding	259,097	88,598	118,882	385,774	128,463	240,005	123,503	56,109	99,568					1,499,999
Total	4,659,874	1,184,702	2,656,677	4,717,601	2,174,630	4,999,716	1,873,093	1,967,236	959,732	0	0	0	0	25,193,260

Non Grant In Aid Lines

HERC Match Funds	62,738	851,402	587,050	3,626,564		1,832,247								6,960,001
QR Supplement GCRF		596,466	246,505	2,394,409		1,007,707								4,245,087
UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF)						2,537,635								2,537,635
Total	62,738	1,447,868	833,555	6,020,973	0	5,377,589	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,742,723

Grand Total	16,242,615	12,254,588	13,915,918	73,511,319	5,994,308	32,716,321	4,882,582	5,313,838	13,427,626	205,537	871,981	90,782	123,671	179,551,085
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*Adjustment to funding for part-time fee waiver and OU mitigation funding are included in PT & PGT. The supplementary allocation for performing arts provision are included in FT UG/PGCE.

** Reaching Wider partnerships: South East Wales - University South Wales (lead partner), Cardiff Metropolitan University and Cardiff University. South West Wales - Swansea University (lead partner) and University of Wales Trinity Saint David. North and Mid Wales - Bangor University (lead partner), Aberystwyth University and Wrexham Glyndŵr University.