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Reviewing post-16 education and training institutions: area reviews (waves 1 and 2)

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About the reviews

The government's policy statement [Reviewing Post-16 Education and Training Institutions](#) set out our approach to facilitating a restructuring of the further education sector. This will be done through a series of area based reviews of provision.

This statement sets out the scope of the area reviews that make up the first wave of the review process and the first 6 areas included in the second wave. The second wave includes details of the local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) covered by the review. We will publish details of further wave 2 areas in due course. The area reviews in wave 1 began in September to November 2015, those in wave 2 are due to begin early in 2016.

Area reviews covering the Greater London area are likely to take place over waves 2 and 3 but details have yet to be confirmed. Further information will be provided in due course.

Each review will start by assessing the economic and educational needs of the area, and the implications for post-16 education and training provision, including:

- school sixth forms
- sixth form colleges
- further education colleges
- independent providers

The reviews will then focus on the current structure of further education and sixth form colleges, although there will be opportunities for other institutions (including schools and independent providers) to opt in to this stage of the analysis. Regional School Commissioners will consider the implications of the first stage of the analysis for school sixth form provision.

The reviews will be led by steering groups made up of:

- chairs of governors
- LEPs and local authorities
- FE and sixth form college commissioners
- regional schools commissioners

This approach aims to move towards fewer, larger, more resilient and efficient providers, and more effective collaboration across institution types. It will be important to create greater specialisation by establishing institutions that are genuine centres of expertise. These will be able to support sustained progression in professional and technical disciplines, alongside excellence in other fundamental areas – such as English and maths.

This will:

- ensure that we have the right capacity to provide good education and training for our young people across England
- include the creation of a new network of prestigious Institutes of Technology, and National Colleges to deliver high standard provision at levels 3, 4 and 5

Further information on each review is provided below. Please send any questions to area.reviews@education.gsi.gov.uk.

Wave 1

Birmingham and Solihull

Birmingham and Solihull colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Birmingham Metropolitan College
- Bournville College
- Solihull College
- South and City College Birmingham

Sixth form colleges

- Cadbury Sixth Form College
- Joseph Chamberlain College
- The Sixth Form College Solihull

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 18 September.

Chair of the local steering group: Dr David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

Greater Manchester

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Bolton College
- Bury College
- Hopwood Hall College
- Salford City College
- Stockport College
- Tameside College
- The Manchester College
- The Oldham College
- Trafford College
- Wigan and Leigh College

Sixth form colleges

- Aquinas College
- Ashton-Under-Lyne Sixth Form College
- Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College
- Holy Cross College
- Xaverian College

- Loreto College
- Oldham Sixth Form College
- St John Rigby RC Sixth Form College
- Rochdale Sixth Form College
- Winstanley Sixth Form College
- Bolton Sixth Form College

First meeting of the local steering group: Monday 21 September.

Chair of the local steering group: Theresa Grant, Chief Executive of Trafford City Council.

Area review team lead: John Barber.

Sheffield city region

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Barnsley College
- Chesterfield College
- Dearne Valley College
- Doncaster College
- North Nottinghamshire College
- Rotherham College
- Northern College
- Sheffield College

Sixth form colleges

- Thomas Rotherham College
- Longley Park

First meeting of the local steering group: Monday 28 September.

Chair of the local steering group: Dr David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: John Barber.

Tees Valley

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Cleveland College of Art and Design
- Darlington College
- Hartlepool College of Further Education
- Middlesbrough College
- Redcar and Cleveland College
- Stockton Riverside College

Sixth form colleges

- Hartlepool Sixth Form College
- Prior Pursglove College
- Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Darlington
- Stockton Sixth Form College

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 1 October.

Chair of the local steering group: Dr David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Mickey Burke.

Sussex

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Central Sussex College
- Chichester College
- City College, Brighton and Hove
- Northbrook College, Sussex
- Plumpton College
- Sussex Coast College
- Sussex Downs College
- Worthing College

Sixth form colleges

- Bexhill College
- Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College
- Varndean College

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 22 October.

Chair of the local steering group: Dr David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

Solent

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Brockenhurst College
- Eastleigh College
- Fareham College
- Highbury College
- Isle of Wight College
- Southampton City College
- South Downs College

Sixth form colleges

- Barton Peveril College
- Havant College
- Itchen College
- Portsmouth College
- Richard Taunton's Sixth Form College
- St Vincent College

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 5 November.

Chair of the local steering group: Dr David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

West Yorkshire

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Bradford College
- Calderdale College
- Kirklees College
- Leeds City College
- Leeds College of Building
- Shipley College
- Wakefield College

Sixth form colleges

- Greenhead College
- Huddersfield New College
- New College Pontefract
- Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College

First meeting of the local steering group: Monday 16 November

Chair of the local steering group: Cllr David Green, Leader of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Area review team lead: Mickey Burke

Wave 2

The Marches and Worcestershire

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Heart of Worcestershire College
- Hereford College of Arts
- Herefordshire and Ludlow College
- North Shropshire College
- Shrewsbury College of Arts and Technology

- South Worcestershire College
- Telford College of Arts and Technology

Sixth form colleges

- Hereford Sixth Form College
- New College Telford
- Shrewsbury Sixth Form College
- Worcester Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Herefordshire Council
- Shropshire Council
- Telford and Wrekin Council
- Worcestershire County Council
- The Marches LEP
- Worcestershire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Monday 18 January 2016

Chair of local steering group: Peter Mucklow, the Sixth Form College
Commissioner

Area review team lead: Mickey Burke

Thames Valley

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE Colleges

- Abingdon and Witney College
- Activate Learning (City of Oxford College, Banbury and Bicester College and Reading College)
- Amersham and Wycombe College
- Aylesbury College
- Berkshire College of Agriculture
- Bracknell and Wokingham College
- East Berkshire College
- Newbury College

Sixth form colleges

- The Henley College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council
- Bracknell Forest Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Reading Borough Council
- Slough Borough Council
- West Berkshire Council

- Wokingham Borough Council
- Buckinghamshire Thames Valley LEP
- Oxfordshire LEP
- SEMLEP (South East Midlands)
- Thames Valley Berkshire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 21 January 2016

Chair of local steering group: David Collins, FE Commissioner

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone

West of England

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE Colleges

- Bath College
- City of Bristol College
- South Gloucestershire and Stroud College
- Weston College of Further Education

Sixth form colleges

- St Brendan's Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- Bristol City Council
- South Gloucestershire Council
- North Somerset Council
- West of England LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 28 January 2016

Chair of local steering group: David Collins, FE Commissioner

Area review team lead: Mickey Burke

Cheshire and Warrington

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE Colleges

- Macclesfield College
- Mid Cheshire College
- Reaseheath College (specialist land based)
- South Cheshire College
- Warrington Collegiate
- West Cheshire College

Sixth form colleges

- Priestley College
- Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Cheshire and West Chester Council
- Cheshire East Council
- Warrington Borough Council
- Cheshire and Warrington LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 29 January 2016

Chair of local steering group: David Collins, FE Commissioner

Area review team lead: John Barber

Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire

Colleges in scope of the review

FE Colleges

- Burton and South Derbyshire College

- Newcastle-under-Lyme College
- South Staffordshire College
- Stafford College
- Stoke-on-Trent College

Sixth form colleges

- City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Staffordshire County Council
- Stoke-on-Trent City Council
- Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP
- Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 5 February 2016

Chair of the local steering group: David Collins, FE Commissioner

Area review team lead: John Barber

Surrey

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE Colleges

- Brooklands College
- East Surrey College
- Guildford College
- North East Surrey College of Technology

Sixth form colleges

- College of Richard Collyer
- Esher College
- Godalming College
- Reigate College
- Strode's College
- Woking College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Surrey County Council
- Coast to Capital LEP
- Enterprise M3 LEP
- Thames Valley Berkshire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 10 March 2016

Chair of the local steering group: Peter Mucklow, Sixth Form College
Commissioner

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone

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