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Summary of responses to circular W18/29HE: Degree Apprenticeships 2019/20 Consultation on the Funding Methodology and Requests for Expressions of Interest

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This circular provides a summary of the key points received in response to consultation W18/29HE, *Degree Apprenticeships 2019/20: Consultation on the Funding Methodology and Requests for Expressions of Interest*, which consulted on our approach to the allocation of funding for Degree Apprenticeships provision in 2019/20. It also reports on the consultation workshop held on 14 January 2019.

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Introduction

1. Circular W18/29HE invited HEFCW funded institutions to provide additional comment on indicative apprenticeship numbers for 2019/20, and sought guidance on HEFCW's approach to the allocation of funding for degree apprenticeships in the three priority areas of digital, engineering and advanced manufacturing, for the academic year of 2019/20.

Allocation of funding

2. Circular W18/29HE explained that HEFCW anticipated receiving applications for more Degree Apprenticeships than enabled by the funding available. This would mean that we would need to determine the priorities and methods by which funding is allocated. All bids would need to pass a minimum quality threshold in order to have numbers allocated.
3. The circular stated that allocation of funding for Degree Apprenticeships above the minimum quality threshold could be on the basis of a combination of any of the approaches set out in questions 1-8. The circular also asked for comment on a number of underpinning issues, as set out in questions 9-11. Further information on the detail of responses is provided at **Annex A**.
4. A summary of the consultation workshop held on 14 January 2019, with associated presentations, is at **Annex B**.

Further information

5. For further information, contact Angela West (029 2085 9738; angela.west@hefcw.ac.uk).