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1. Information: update to the end of year 16 to 19 study programmes data

In December, we published our review of end of year 16 to 19 study programmes data for 2016 to 2017. We proposed a change to the young people's funding guidance for academic year 2019 to 2020 about students with prior attainment in English and maths at grade 4 or above.

In January 2019, we confirmed this would not apply in 2019 to 2020 and we would review whether it would apply in future years.

We can now confirm that we will not make this change. Instead, we will continue to check the delivery pattern using end of year data. We will also review the outcomes of the consultation about post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below in England.

In the meantime, we still expect institutions to provide students with progression and stretch as per the funding guidance. Institutions must therefore recruit students onto the appropriate core aim level.

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