

## Additional 2025-26 in-year funding for performance-based music and drama conservatoire provision

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### Summary

£1,970,000 has been made available from the Welsh Government, via the Economy, Energy and Planning Main Expenditure Group, to support performance-based music and drama conservatoire higher education provision.

It is for the current financial year 2025-26 and is to recognise the increased costs of music and performance conservatoire. Medr will provide funding to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama (RWCMD), via University of South Wales (USW), who are the only relevant higher education institution (HEI) that deliver music and performance conservatoire.

## **Performance-based music and drama provision**

On 14 October, the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership allocated additional ring-fenced funding of £1.97m from the Economy, Energy and Planning Main Expenditure Group to support performance-based music and drama conservatoire higher education provision.

The £1.97m will be allocated to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama via the University of South Wales, who are the only relevant higher education institution that deliver music and performance conservatoire.

The £1.97m will be split into two parts:

- i) £1.75m will be allocated via an increase to the unit rate applicable to Expensive Subject Provision for conservatoire provision;
- ii) £0.22m will be allocated via the performance related budget to specifically develop and deliver provision via regional hubs.

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