

14-19 Delivery

Information and updates for consortia already delivering the 14-19 reforms or preparing for delivery in 2010/11 and beyond

Welcome to the April edition of 14-19 Delivery. This newsletter covers the range of support available, useful information and updates for consortia, both those already delivering the 14-19 reforms, and those preparing for future delivery.

During this pre-election period, DCSF can only provide minimal communication to the public. Therefore this edition of the newsletter is much shorter than normal but we hope that you still find it useful.

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1 Important updates and actions to take over the next month

1.1 Funding for 14-19 Prospectus & Common Application Process (CAP)

Funding of £11,333 for 2010-11 to support the development of the 14-19 Prospectus and CAP is currently in the process of being paid to local authorities. The identifier for this funding that will appear on your remittance advice slip is "Dip Grant (PCAP)". Please liaise with your Finance Officers to identify this funding with them.

1.2 Funding for the 14-19 Access and Transport Coordinator

Funding of £37,500 for 2010-11 to support the role of the 14-19 Access and Transport Coordinator in the 40 most rural local authorities is currently in the process of being paid. The reference for this funding that will appear on your remittance advice slip is "Dip Grant (ATC)". Please liaise with your Finance Officers to identify this funding with them. Further information on the Diploma Grant for 2010-11 can be found [here](#).

1.3 Ensure that young people achieve their Diploma qualifications on time

DCSF/QCDA wrote to Consortium Leads and LA 14-19 leads in early April (www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/documents/letter) emphasising the importance of close collaboration between exams officers in schools and colleges within consortia to ensure that Diploma students receive their results on time this summer.

Your Consortium Adviser can provide advice and support, and help identify good practice. You can find more information in the Nuts & Bolts Guide to [Leading Diploma Administration](#) or visit: www.qcda.gov.uk/qualifications/3775.aspx

1.4 Diploma aggregation service (DAS) head of centre agreement

QCDA will be writing out to all Exam officers offering the Diploma for the first time this September, asking for an email address for their head of centre. QCDA needs to contact the heads of centres to complete and sign the *Diploma aggregation service* head of centre agreement. This agreement will give your centre access to DAS. For more information see www.qcda.gov.uk/qualifications/

Your centre must also complete a MIAP (Managing Information Across Partners) organisation agreement and nominate a 'super user' for the *Learner registration service* using the MIAP organisation registration form. If your centre has not completed and returned either of these MIAP forms, please contact the MIAP LRS helpdesk by telephone on 0845 602 2589 or by email at: lrsupport@miap.gov.uk.

1.5 Accreditation for awarding organisations

Information about functional skills accreditation for awarding organisations has been released by Ofqual: www.ofqual.gov.uk/news-and-announcements

2 March publications

- **Gateway 4 Diploma results** were announced on 25 March and are available on the [14-19 website](#).
- **The Local Delivery Support Guide** sets out the support available to help local areas deliver the 14-19 reforms in 2010-11. [Download the Guide here](#).
- **Safeguarding Young People on Work-Related Learning including work experience** is available on the [14-19 website](#). It summarises the guidance around Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks as they apply to Work-Related Learning.
- **DCSF Functional skills guidance document** provides a comprehensive overview of functional skills and the key messages. It's available [here](#).
- **Equality and Diversity toolkit** that includes a checklist that was developed by two Consortium Advisers. Find it here: lmdp.14-19support.org/resourcelibrary
- **Guidance on delivering successful foundation, higher and extended projects:** a practical guide for schools and colleges delivering projects, either as part of the Diploma or as stand alone qualifications alongside GCSEs and A levels. Download the guide here: orderline.qcda.gov.uk/
- **Stretch and challenge and the A* grade - guidance on changes to A level teaching and learning:** this [guidance booklet](#) will help schools and colleges to build on their existing teaching and learning strategies.
- **Guidance on designing, managing and delivering Foundation Learning programmes:** designed for managers, practitioners and leaders who are new to Foundation Learning. Available to download here: orderline.qcda.gov.uk/
- **Managing GCSE controlled assessment: a centre-wide approach** sets out the responsibilities of different members of staff, including the senior leadership team, subject specialists and exams office staff. [It is available to order here](#).

3 Upcoming events

3.1 FSSP network events and open sessions

FSSP will be running *network events* and *open training sessions* over the next few months for practitioners preparing for functional skills roll-out. A full list of FSSP training modules and events is available here: www.fssupport.org/

3.2 OCR training dates

The new programme for Diploma training for 2010-11 will be available on the OCR [website](#) from May. For a list of training by subject visit: www.ocreventbooker.org.uk

3.3 Feedback on the January 2010 assessment series and forward planning

Edexcel has a series of full day events that will provide feedback on the January 2010 assessment series. For more information on these events, [Edexcel training directory](#)

3.4 Edexcel Hair and Beauty Studies events – 26 and 27 May 2010

Edexcel are holding half day *Hair and Beauty briefings* on the **26 May in London** and **27 May in Manchester**. You have the option to book onto a morning and afternoon briefing. For more details and to register you place visit the [Edexcel Diploma website](#).

3.5 Edexcel Countdown to Delivery events – June and July 2010

These full-day line specific events are designed for Diploma practitioners for a complete introduction to the Diploma. Visit the [Edexcel website](#) for more information.

3.6 Edexcel Diploma Curriculum Days – June and July 2010

Edexcel are offering full-day interactive Diploma events during the summer term, designed to develop the integration of all Diploma components into a clear teaching programme. For more details, call 0844 576 0028 or [book online](#).

3.7 People 1st Hospitality in Diploma events – April & May 2010

People 1st is hosting two *Diploma in Hospitality* events on **29 April** at The Lowry Hotel, Manchester, and The Hyatt Regency London – The Churchill on **12 May**. For the programme details and register your interest, email: jean.meehan@people1st.co.uk.

4 Available support

4.1 'My Development' activities for teachers and support staff

My Development training tool is available to practitioners and support staff delivering the Diploma. The resource is available at: www.diploma-support.org

4.2 Functional Skills Support Programme (FSSP) resources

- Two new functional skills training modules will soon be available - **Personal learning and thinking skills (PLTS)** and **Preparing for assessment**.
- **Functional English: Speaking, listening and communication** provides guidance to practitioners new to functional skills English
- **Functional skills in work-based learning** outlines the importance of functional skills for those involved with work-based learning.

The full list of FSSP training modules and guidance documents is available here: www.fssupport.org/training-support/

4.3 Leadership and Management Development Programme

- Your **Consortium Adviser** will shortly be in touch to set up this term's discussion and support. For further information on your Adviser, [click here](#).
- **Specialist Leadership Consultants** continue to be available for more in-depth support. For aspects they can help with, see lmdp.14-19support.org/

4.4 Line specific resources

- A new pullout 'gizmo' is available for those who are involved with informing others about the **Society, Health and Development**. Copies are available from: aimee.hannon@skillsforhealth.org.uk

- A range of *sector specific leaflets* have been created to help the **Diploma in Public Services** deliverers engage employers.
- The DDP the **Diploma in Public Services** have also released an *activity pack* designed specifically for practitioners and is only available to the Public Services line leads within consortia. To order copies of both these resources, email: info@diplomainpublicservices.co.uk
- The *employer guide* to the **Diploma in Manufacturing and Product Design** has been released. This leaflet has been designed to encourage employers to get involved in the delivery of Manufacturing and Product Design. [Download it here.](#)

4.5 Awarding body support

Awarding organisations continue to offer support. Find out more from their websites:

- OCR: www.ocr.org.uk/training/
- AQA-City & Guilds: www.diplomainfo.org.uk/
- Edexcel: www.edexcel.com/quals/diploma/