

College and Training Organisation Engagement with the Employer and Stakeholder Communities They Serve

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The new outcome led funding system for adult FE will reward those colleges and providers who deliver the outcomes that employers and stakeholders in the communities they serve need.

For this academic year, we have allocated some funding to all providers to build greater capacity to engage employers and stakeholders and also to track the outcomes achieved by their learners.

Next year we will take this further (either in shadow or actual form) so that provider funding will include an element to be earned based on whether they delivered the outcomes needed.

The advent of fee loans will also necessitate colleges and providers to be much better at tracking outcome destinations for use in marketing.

Providers will need to engage directly with employers and stakeholders and provide feedback to them so that they know what outcomes were actually delivered. This applies to independent providers as well as colleges.

The outcomes that will be rewarded will include new jobs - employed or self employed, progression at work; progression into other FE or HE; and Apprenticeships.

In future, colleges and providers will self assess how well they delivered needed outcomes and the Agency will use this and their own feedback to make judgements about the proportion of outcome funding to pay to colleges and providers.

The specific details of definitions, measurement and funding mechanisms are being worked through with the sector - but the direction of travel is clear.

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