



## North Yorkshire 14-19 Partnership Update: September 2007

Dear Training Provider,

I thought it would be helpful to update you on 14-19 developments since my last communication in May 2007. This briefing paper summarises recent (August 2007) further guidance from the government's 14-19 Reform Unit.

### **The central role of Partnerships**

In the continued drive to deliver an expanded curriculum entitlement to learners, the DCSF stress that 'effective collaboration is vital for ensuring the success of the 14-19 reforms' and they emphasise the need for local partnerships 'to deepen and broaden their work'. They then set out the implications for partnerships (our Task Groups) in relationship to shared timetabling, learner advice and guidance and funding. There is a clear message that local partnerships remain at the heart of the government's 14-19 reform. Finally they state that, 'by the end of 2007, all areas should be aiming, as a minimum, to have in place an outline strategy for 14-19 provision to 2013, which incorporates plans for the full roll out of Diplomas'.

### **Specialised Diplomas and Gateway 2 (October 2007)**

The next round of Diploma Gateway submissions are due in October. This year submissions are possible in 10 different Diploma lines, with 4 new lines of learning available in 2009. Although some Task Groups have already decided on their submissions, most groups have vital meetings in September to finalise decisions. To support Diploma development in this year's Development Plans, North Yorkshire will be able to give financial support to the value of £1.4 million to prepare for future Diploma delivery. It is still the case that Diplomas remain central to the government's policy of broadening choice and increasing the status of applied and vocational learning.

It will be apparent from the information above that local Task Group Development Plans and planning is very much an ongoing process and as such Training Providers will want to ensure they regularly review progress. Hence can I stress again how essential it is that everyone involved with 14-19 learners actively engages in the planning process over the next 2 months to develop plans for the young people in their area, via their local 14-19 Task Group.

### **Putting the Learner First – Launch Event 12<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

We have now finished the review of North Yorkshire's 14-19 Strategy ('Putting the Learner First'). Thanks go to everyone who contributed to the revised strategy which will run for the next three years from 2007-2010. The new strategy will be launched by Cynthia Welbourn (Director of Children's Services, NYCC) and Liz Burdett (Area Director, LSC) on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at The Hawkhill, near Easingwold. Booking forms and further details are available from Claire Barker on 01904 693632. The conference will also provide a first sight of the new North Yorkshire web based Prospectus

Finally, if you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01609 536853 or via email at [Bruce.Wood@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Bruce.Wood@northyorks.gov.uk). Further information on the partnership issues above is available at [www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/documents/partnershipdoc.doc/](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/documents/partnershipdoc.doc/)

Yours sincerely,

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