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YEF Live Running Memo

To: All YEF Providers

Cc: Senior Performance Managers
Performance Managers

From: Change, Planning and Policy Division

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Subject: Changes to the Persistent Absentee Threshold

Action: For Information

Timing: Immediate

Background

At the beginning of the current academic year the Department for Education (DfE) took the decision to change the persistent absentee threshold from 15% to 10%.

“Persistent absentees” means students/pupils absent from school for more than 10% of sessions over the past three terms (authorised or unauthorised absence, as identified by teachers or attendance records).

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has considered and impacted this change on the Youth Engagement Fund (YEF) contracted provision.

Summary

In consultation with DfE and the Cabinet Office, DWP have made the decision to align the YEF guidance with DfE and the threshold for defining persistent absentees from school from 15% to 10%.

In line with DfE, this change will be backdated to the beginning of this academic year (3 September 2015).

This change should be applied to participants who joined YEF on or after 3 September 2015.

There is no specific action for you to take as a result of this change.

However, you may wish to review the work that you have been undertaking as a YEF provider with your young people to identify if there are any impacts as a result of this change.

For Further Information Contact Details

In the first instance please contact your Performance Manager.