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## Welcome

In this issue of Update, our weekly round-up of business-critical and useful information to Skills Funding Agency (SFA) colleges, other training organisations and direct grant employers:

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**NOTE:** Our [Business Cycle](#) sets out the key milestones from April 2015 to March 2016 and will help you plan ahead.

## 1. Individualised Learner Record R07 2015 to 2016: Closes Friday, 4 March

### Action

The individualised learner record R07 data collection for the 2015 to 2016 funding year is open and will close at **6.00pm** on **Friday, 4 March**.

If you are due to make a return for R07, you must submit your data to [the Hub](#).

We publish a [maintenance schedule](#), which lists collection dates and proposed system maintenance.

For further information, please refer to the [Payments and Data](#) page on GOV.UK.

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## 2. Individualised Learner Record R07: Apprenticeship and Traineeship Data

### Action

We will use the data you submit for your individualised learner record R07 return to close the 2015 to 2016 financial year records. Please make sure that your data is accurate and covers all your apprenticeships and traineeships delivery.

We will use this data to determine the value of funding available in the current financial year to pay for any delivery above your contract values. We also use this information for any contract increases we issue at the performance-management point 2 review.

For further information, please contact your Central Delivery Service adviser.

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### 3. Funding Statements 2016 to 2017

#### Information

Shortly we will issue 2016 to 2017 funding statements, which will set out your allocations for the following:

- Adult Education Budget (including Community Learning and Discretionary Learner Support)
- Adult apprenticeships
- 16 to 18 apprenticeships and SFA-funded traineeships
- Loans facility
- Loans bursary
- Apprenticeship Grant for Employers

For further information, please contact your Central Delivery Service adviser.

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### 4. Apprenticeship Reforms: Withdrawal of Frameworks

#### Information

As part of the apprenticeship reform programme, we have published a list of [seven apprenticeship frameworks](#) that we will withdraw.

We will close these frameworks to new apprenticeship starts from 1 June 2016. These frameworks had no apprenticeship starts reported in the 2014 to 2015 funding year or in the 2015 to 2016 funding year to date. This will not affect those apprentices currently completing their apprenticeship on these frameworks.

For further information, please refer to the [Apprenticeship Changes](#) page on GOV.UK or contact your Central Delivery Service adviser.

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## 5. Apprenticeship Funding Rules for Higher Education Institutions

### Information

We have now published the [Apprenticeship Funding Rules for Higher Education Institutions 2016 to 2017](#).

This document completes the set of funding rules published at the end of January 2016. It will assist SFA-funded higher education institutions that deliver both apprenticeship frameworks and standards.

For further information, please email [Higher Apprenticeships](#).

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## 6. FE Choices: Learner Satisfaction Survey Indicative Results

### Information

All in-scope colleges and other training organisations can now view their Learner Satisfaction survey 2015 to 2016 indicative results on the [Provider Extranet](#).

The report includes the results from the start of the survey on 1 November 2015 to 15 February 2016.

Please encourage all your eligible learners to complete the survey before the Easter holiday period. The survey will close at midnight on Friday, 1 April.

For further information, please refer to the [Learner Satisfaction](#) page on GOV.UK or email the [Service Desk](#).

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## 7. Survey: Skills Competitions and Skills Shows

### Consultation

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) is carrying out a value-for-money assessment of skills competitions and skills shows. As part of this, colleges and other training organisations are invited to **complete a survey** on their impact and funding approach.

Plymouth University is managing the survey on behalf of BIS, which will use the findings to inform the future delivery approach. The survey closes on **Wednesday, 16 March**; regardless of the extent of your involvement in skills competitions and skills shows, your views are important to the outcome of the assessment.

For further information about the survey, please contact **Charles Dorr** at Plymouth University on 01752 588 944.

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