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Consultation Questionnaire

To support the consultation process it would be helpful if organisations submitting comments provided contacts details:

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Completed questionnaires should be e-mailed to the Skills Funding Agency at:

nwesf@lsc.gov.uk

By the closing Date: Monday April 19th at 12 noon.

Section A: Machinery of Government Changes

The Skills Funding Agency has set out proposals to ensure that the Young People's Learning Agency and Local Authorities are actively engaged in developing and managing a 'joint CFP'.

Q1. Are these arrangements sufficient?

Q2. What else might be done to ensure that ESF activity is coherent and adds value to other 14-19 plans and programmes?

The Skills Funding Agency intends to work closely with Jobcentre Plus and alongside City Employment Strategy consortia to develop a more integrated approach to programmes for the unemployed.

Q3. What else might we do to achieve this?

The Skills Funding Agency's investment in adult and employer skills will be informed by the Regional Strategy and the Regional Statement of Priorities.

Q4. What else might be done to ensure that ESF investment achieves maximum added value?

Q5. Are the proposed management arrangements for Global Grants appropriate?

Section B: Proposed Activity

Priority 1: Activities to tackle Worklessness

Q6. Are the proposed target groups and activities appropriate?

Q7 What additional activity and/ or support might be offered?

Priority 1: Activities to tackle NEET

Q8. Are the proposed target groups and activities appropriate?

Q9. *Is the approach to spatial targeting appropriate?*

Section B: Proposed Activity (cont)

The Skills Funding Agency has proposed four main areas of activity to improve the take up of Apprenticeships and investment in the skills of the workforce

Q10 *What other activities might be undertaken?*

Section C: Proposed Management Arrangements

The Skills Funding Agency has set out the management arrangements.

Q11. *Are the proposals and timetable for commissioning appropriate?*

Q12. *How might the proposed management arrangements be strengthened to maximise the impact of ESF?*

Q13. *What else might be undertaken to address the cross cutting themes?*

Q14. *Health has been introduced as a cross cutting theme for the first time. What additional activity might be undertaken to ensure that this theme is effectively addressed?*

Other Comments

Do you have other suggestions as to how we might improve the impact of the programme?

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