

Skills for Care London

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ESF (European Social Fund)



The European Social Fund (ESF) focuses on improvements in education, training and employment.

Past: 40+ projects - recruitment and retention priorities = total project funding of an estimated £7 million pounds (est. 2000 care workers to receive training & 600 NVQ qualifications)

Co financing organisations – during November 2007 – timetables and projects launched

DWP Department for Work and Pensions



ESF Priorities

Timescale: April 2008 to December 2010.

- **Priority 1 Extending employment opportunities (£215.9 million)**
 - 1.1 Improving the employability and skills of the unemployed and economically inactive
 - 1.2 Employment and skills activities targeted at young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) or at risk of becoming NEET
 - 1.3 Community Grants Programme for those groups furthest from the labour market

ESF Priorities

- **Priority 2 Creating a skilled and adaptable workforce (£104.5million)**
- 2.1 Increasing the number of employees with improved basic skills levels, including English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) needs
- 2.2 Increasing the number of employees with improved level 2 skills
- 2.3 Increasing the number of employees with improved level 3 and 4 skills

Partnerships

- A partnership approach to a project reduces risk of delivery failure which is a key assessment factor in the evaluation of a tender application for funding.
- Skills for Care held a briefing session shortly after the tenders were announced. Both existing and prospective new ESF project leads were encouraged to attend the morning or afternoon sessions in order to gain a better picture of the plans and skills demand for the care workforce in London.

Skills for Care Help

- ESF Briefings Days & Support
- Skills for Care – e bulletin – via Laura Anthony
laura.anthony@skillsforcare.org.uk
- Update London Magazine updates on ESF funding
- Everybody benefits booklet – fully funded/ part funded courses

People Who Use Services (PWUS)

- Project rolled out in NE/ SE
- Introductory and participatory programme
- For social care workers and staff
- Workshops running throughout November, with dates TBC in new year
- PWUS Trainers Delivery tools produced – CD available



PWUS Matching Scheme

For the purposes of this project 'people who use services (PWUS) means:

- - Everyone who receives a social work or social care service
- - Anyone who has received a social work or social care service in the past
- - Anyone who cares for someone receiving a social work or social care service
- Anyone who feels a significant impact in their life because they or a member of their family receives a social work or social care service or did so in the past

PWUS Matching Scheme



Scheme Objectives:

To increase awareness that good quality training needs to include people who use services

To increase the number of people who use services involved in training the people who provide those service

PWUS Matching Scheme

Training Provider:

- You need to decide at what stage(s) of training you wish to involve PWUS trainers.
- Are you interested in involving PWUS in planning training, developing training materials, delivering training or assessment and evaluation of training?
- Are you offering paid employment or voluntary opportunities with expenses paid?

How to get involved?

- Complete a Training Provider form – copies available
- Speak to Cheryl – for more information
- **Matching Scheme to be available – from March 2008**

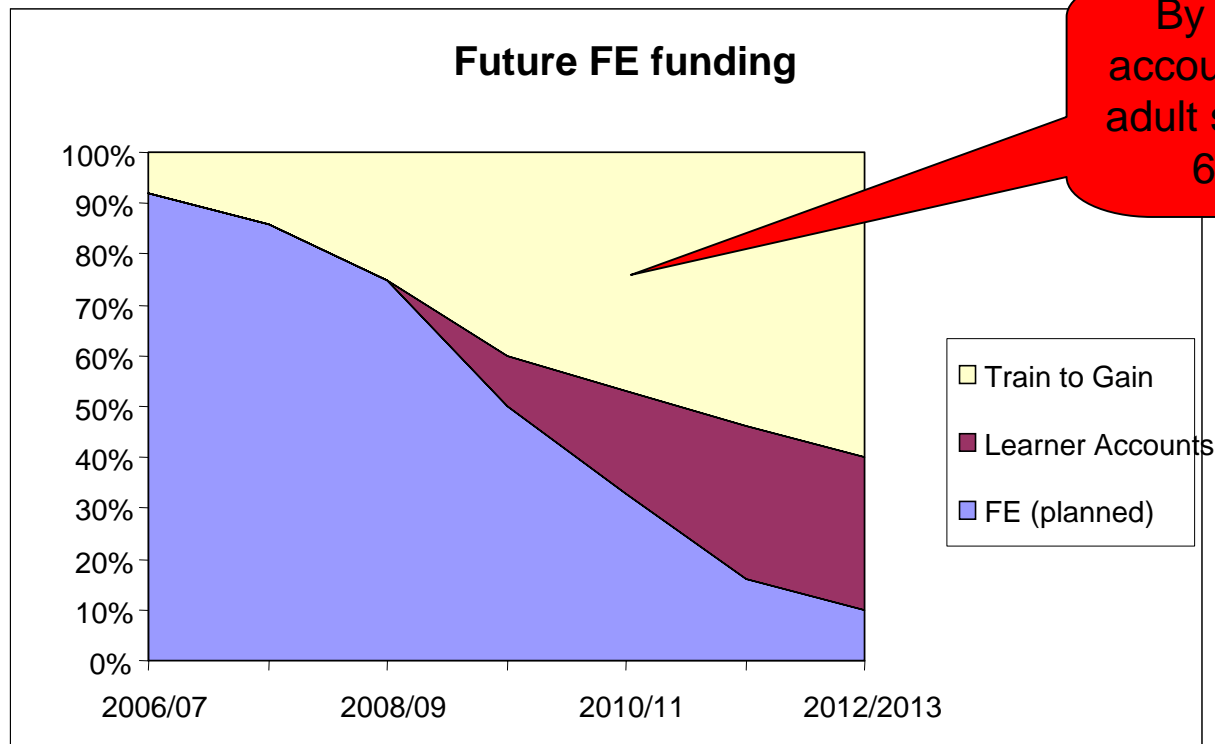
Care Assessor Network

- **150** qualified and peripatetic assessors (**30 per sub region** – by March 2008)
 - Includes CYP assessors and Internal Verifiers
- CPD for assessors signed up to the network as well as a quarterly newsletter



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The chart below shows the future direction of LSC funding



By 2010, T2G will account for 40% of the adult skills budget, and 60% by 2013.

Source: LSC – July, 2007

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