



Progressing the Vocational Learner: Advancing the Apprentice into HE

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THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE

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Some additional notes to slides

- By 2020 national target of 400,000 Apprentices.
London lagging behind:
Nationally 1 in 15 young people on an apprenticeship
In London 1 in 20
By 2020 1 in 5 target
- Targets for 2020 mean this would signify a threefold increase nationally and a fourfold increase in London
- Target market is YP at all levels of achievement not just NEET (Not in Education Training or Employment)
- National Apprenticeship Service due to go live in April 09
- Vacancy Matching Service set up in January 09 and available via www.apprenticeship.org.uk. Within the first 4 weeks 15,000 registrations, including 1500 in London. Currently 4500 apprenticeship vacancies
- Content of Apprenticeship – by 2010 all will be NQF
- Apprenticeship Structure – Hopefully QCF can direct + create a framework
- SSCs own the framework for Technical Certificates
- London Apprenticeship Performance data - show a growth in 19+ as this has been opened up to adults
- London Apprenticeship Framework data - Completions – Nationally 50% and London 60% - Achievement gone down overall
- Apprenticeship Performance – Top 10 London F/works 2006/7 all Apprenticeships – Not necessarily straight lines of progression e.g. Customer service L4 maybe to Management – as with students doing a BA Hons in languages may progress on to a MBA when employed in an organisation. Also

noted that the data on this slide reflected that some providers had been cancelled due to poor provision.

General Points

- Minimum pay for Apprentices is £80 per week. This will increase to £95 per week from Aug. It was noted that all of these are below the National Minimum because it is classified at a training programme
- Should be noted that 80% of people in London were already employed therefore were being paid the going rate
- NAS will provide National IAG
- SSCs will be working closely with ITPs to develop the provision
- Large increase in 25+ Apprenticeships
- It was felt that new recruits need apprenticeships rather than NVQs which demonstrate competence (relevant to those in the job already)
- No national targets for numbers progressing from Advanced Apprenticeships (AAs) to HE. A need to demonstrate that progression from AAs is possible and that a range of options are available. HEIs need to recognise that the AA is more than just a qualification and that the apprentice brings with them a wealth of work related experience and transferable skills.
- Currently providers are not obligated to track apprentices after completion. HE will need to be involved with identifying apprentices who start HE programmes.