

PRISON EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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Funding arrangements from 2010 – Machinery of Government

Local authorities will become responsible for Education and training for juveniles in Young offender Institutions (YOIs) from September 2010. This coincides with the wider changes of planning and funding for mainstream pre and post 19 learning (the creation of the new Skills Funding Agency (SFA) and Young Peoples' Learning Agency (YPLA)).

Therefore, from this date, education and training for young people in juvenile custody will form part of the new service to be funded via the new YPLA, and commissioned via local authorities and relevant partners.

Contractual Arrangements

Successful tendering organisations will be offered a contract with the LSC for the Integrated Offenders' Learning and Skills Service for three years plus two years from 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2014. This is subject to an annual review of satisfactory performance and the relevant funds being agreed by Parliament.

The government recently announced changes to commissioning and funding for pre and post-19 learning, which included plans to place local authorities in the lead for commissioning and funding education and training for young people in custody.

For young people in HMPS YOIs this change is scheduled to take place from September 2010. This means that contracts are likely to transfer to local authorities in 2010. The LSC will seek to engage lead local authorities within the tendering assessment process, where appropriate.