

Sharing Data with Local Authorities

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Our Roles

LA role

- LAs will analyse demand and supply locally through 14-19 Partnerships using data sets provided by the YPLA (including for Apprenticeships and Third Sector)

YPLA role

- Provide data on participation, attainment and economic development in local, sub-regional and regional areas to inform commissioning
- Work with local authorities to support and facilitate the production of commissioning plans at local, sub-regional and regional levels to ensure their coherence and fit within the national budget

Regional YPLA Analytical Teams' role

The Analytical Teams in the YPLA Regions will be responsible for and focused on **supporting Local Authorities** in servicing their data and analytical needs.

Objectives

By April 1st 2010:

- Pursue a continuity of service allowing current LSC Partnership Teams to access the data they currently use in their new Local Authority roles.
- Ensure YPLA Regional Analysis Teams are in position to offer analytical services to meet individual Local Authority needs as well as providing regional perspectives.
- Work with LAs through YPLA regional teams and through REACT to provide appropriate training and communication and to begin to look at requirements together post 1 April 2010

Future Development:

- Ensure any future data requirements and needs are serviced nationally yet allow for regional flexibility.

Working with REACT

- 1st React Workshop on Data for Local Authorities Post 2010 held on September 22nd 2009 in order to:
 - gather views on LSC/DCSF to date
 - capture issues to inform Regional React/YPLA Training and Development Programme, one key strand being Information Management.
- Participants included LA representatives from the nine regions, React, DCSF, YPLA, BIS, FE Data Service and Information Authority.
- Discussions covered topics such as:
 - access to systems;
 - timing and format of data reports;
 - data sharing across SRG's and RPG's;

There are some key messages that require communicating...(1)

- LAs will not have direct access to most systems but will have access to the raft of data which LSC Partnership Teams currently have.
- Eventually LAs may have access to systems, but this is dependent on where YPLA and policy go after 1 April 2010. LA's will have an opportunity to shape 'what next' with the YPLA.
- LAs will need historic data to be ready for commissioning cycle that starts Oct 2010.
- LAs need to understand what level of detail they will get. It is vital for fairness and equity a core data set is used and a consistent approach adopted in utilising this for commissioning.
- LAs will have LSC staff transferees in most instances who have navigated data reports – important now to get staff transferred over for shadow period, get relationships with providers right and then take it from there.

There are some key messages that require communicating...(2)

- Information packs produced by Regional LSC teams are being shared with councils in regions.
- Shadow period from October 2009 to end of March 2010 will need to cover understanding of what data is used and how and from Summer 2010, LAs will be in the driving seat for 10/11 business cycle (for 2011/12 allocations).
- The ILR is the key source of data and Colleges shouldn't be asked for extra data as this is an extra burden for them and the ILR is extensive.
- The Information Authority governs data flows in FE system, promotes data standards and minimises bureaucracy for providers.
- LSC regions have just published strategic data analysis, broken down by LA area and provider.

What's next?

- Continue to work with REACT and their LA expert group
- Develop communication with LAs through REACT and YPLA regional teams
- YPLA Regional Analytical Teams pilots to share:
 - Regional Specific Reports and Trends
 - A core suite of flexible data tools including cubes and pivot tables to enable LAs to examine performance within their own LA remit as well as other LAs for their residents

Questions for LA Colleagues

- What is the best way to communicate with you?
- How can we keep you updated?
- What level of data analysis experience does your LA have?
- What are your most essential data needs?
- What training needs do you have?

