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Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

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Dear Dame Professor Lydon,

**Welsh Government's Financial Support for Medr, the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research: 2025-2026**

Following approval by the Senedd of the Welsh Government budget for 2025-26 we are pleased to confirm our funding for Medr for the 2025-26 financial year.

The funding is provided for Medr to perform its functions held under relevant legislation, particularly the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 as commenced. It is also provided to perform those functions it is exercising on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, as set out in the Agency Agreement between Medr and the Welsh Ministers made under section 83 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

We expect that Medr will commence delivery of its Strategic Plan as recently approved.

A total grant-in aid-budget of **£961,818,000** for the 2025-26 financial year has been identified for Medr, as set out in Annex 1. As in the previous financial year,

As set out in the indicative funding letter, ministers are allocating an additional **£29.213m** above the revised baseline budget to Medr to support the following:

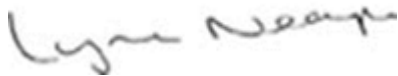
- Forecast increased participation in further education and sixth forms in 2025-26.
- Further development of wellbeing and mental health support in further and higher education to give learners the best possible support to remain in education.
- Continuation of pay parity between schools and colleges, to maintain the highest standards and teaching quality wherever learners undertake their post-16 education.
- Expansion of the Junior Apprenticeships programme.

As in the previous financial year since Medr's establishment, the education and apprenticeships elements of the funding should be considered ringfenced.

The funding will be monitored against delivery. In accordance with the Framework Document, timely forecasts and monitoring information should be provided to officials, including prompt notification of any expected overspends and underspends. Ministers may adjust the grant in-year accordingly if required through the supplementary budget process.

We look forward to our continued working with you and the Medr senior team.

Yours sincerely,



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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg  
Cabinet Secretary for Education



**Vikki Howells AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Addysg Bellach ac Uwch  
Minister for Further and Higher  
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**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr  
Economi, Ynni, a Chynllunio  
Cabinet Secretary for Economy,  
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**Jack Sargeant AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Diwylliant, Sgiliau, a  
Phartneriaeth Gymdeithasol  
Minister for Culture, Skills, and Social  
Partnership



## **Annex 1**

The indicative resource and capital budget and grant-in-aid settlement are set out in the following table:

<b>Budget area</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Tertiary education - general	£804,081,000
Ringfenced items:	
14-16 Junior Apprenticeships	£600,000
Enterprise champions in FE	£360,000
Apprenticeships	£143,277,000
<b>Net revenue budget:</b>	<b>£948,318,000</b>
Non-cash (depreciation)	£437,000
<b>Resource budget</b>	<b>£948,755,000</b>
Higher education capital	£10,000,000
Further education digital capital	£3,000,000
Medr implementation capital	£500,000
<b>Capital budget</b>	<b>£13,500,000</b>
<b>Total resource and capital budget:</b>	<b>£962,255,000</b>
<i>Grant in Aid adjustments:</i>	
<i>Less non-cash (depreciation)</i>	£437,000
<b>Total Grant-in-Aid (Cash)</b>	<b>£961,818,000</b>

Additional funding is anticipated to be allocated in year via the supplementary budget process and will be appropriately ring-fenced. Confirmation of this funding will be issued in funding letters.

- ALN Act implementation in FE
- Medical education
- Higher Education Research Capital (subject to DSIT funding)

## **Annex 2**

### **Other Sources of Income**

Under GOWA, the Welsh Government has a duty to report all other sources of income for all bodies within the central government boundary and to manage it within an overall income ambit control limit agreed by Senedd Cymru. To enable the Welsh Government to remain within this control total, the income which may be retained by Medr from other sources to fund activity during the year for revenue resource purposes is £50,000. This is not the tolerance limit for cash retained at the year end. Please inform your Partnership team if this income is expected to change during the financial year.

### **Terms and Conditions of Funding**

The statement of priorities and framework document issued to the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research set out various operational requirements and refers to government guidance and policies with which the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research needs to comply, in addition to its own duties as responsibilities as a public institution in Wales.

Your Welsh Government partnership team is headed up by Claire Rowlands and your normal point of contact within the team is Craig Greenland:  
[craig.greenland@gov.wales](mailto:craig.greenland@gov.wales).

A meeting with your partnership team will be arranged to agree appropriate oversight and monitoring arrangements.

Funding should be claimed in the manner agreed with the tertiary education funding team and funding claims should be submitted to David Morris:  
[david.morris007@gov.wales](mailto:david.morris007@gov.wales)