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Investment and Monitoring Newsletter

Update: November 2026

This newsletter is based on queries from the sector and any relevant Medr updates. We welcome feedback on the format of this newsletter at InvestmentandMonitoring@medr.cymru.

If others would like to receive the newsletter, please ask them to contact us using the email address above.

General updates

Investment Policy Statement update

- We would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the Investment Policy Statement consultation, including both staff and learners. We would be grateful if providers could also pass on our thanks to the learners who shared their views with us. We have carefully considered the feedback received from across the sector and reflected this in the Investment Policy Statement where appropriate. The Statement is now in its final stages, with publication planned for January alongside the consultation response.

Community Learning Grant (CLG) Data Submissions

- We intend on working closely with Local Authorities to support the submission of Community Learning Grant (CLG) data. Our team is actively monitoring incoming returns to help resolve any issues as early as possible.

- To ensure all 2026/27 CLG data is accurately captured through Lifelong Learning Wales Record (LLWR) returns, we will be contacting all providers in March 2027 to review submissions so far and address any remaining queries. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

FE Funding Snapshot Freeze Date for AY 2026/27

- The Further Education, Adult Community Learning & Community Learning Grant Funding Snapshot Freeze for academic year 2026/27 has been moved to the December data freeze and will now take place on 17 December 2026. This change has been made due to complications arising from a provider's transition to a new MIS system and the associated implementation challenges.

Full time funding

Programme approvals

- Medr has updated the process for full-time programme approvals. This information is available on our website and attached to the email. We welcome feedback from the sector on this. Please contact the team with any questions or feedback.

Academic v Financial year allocations

- Following a number of queries, we would like to remind local authorities that Post-16 mainstream allocations are now awarded on an academic year basis (from 1 August to 31 July).

- Individual local authority Annex Bs, detailing the breakdown of mainstream allocations for 2026/27 academic year, are now available to view on Medr's website at Local authority sixth form allocations 2026/27.

- A copy of your financial year payment profile can be provided to assist with reconciliation, if required. Please email investmentandmonitoring@medr.cymru.

Special Projects

Learner Recovery and Progression Funding and Transition Funding 2025/26

- The deadline for submitting monitoring and evaluation returns for both Learner Recovery and Progression (LRP) and Transition funding 2025/26 has now passed.

- We would like to thank all providers who submitted their returns by the deadline. Timely submissions enable us to undertake a thorough evaluation of the programmes and support informed decision-making regarding future funding and programme continuation.

- Providers who have not submitted the required documentation, have submitted incomplete or incorrect documentation, or have not fully utilised their allocated funding will receive notification of any funding reclaim during November.

Learner Support

- FCF and **Period Dignity Data Return 2025/26** is due by 27 November 2026. The relevant documentation has been sent to the contacts for this fund.

- **Additional Learning support fund** end of year reports 2025/26 to be returned by 4 December 2026. The relevant documentation has been sent to the contacts for this fund.

ILS

- Thank you to all colleges that have participated in visits so far this term. We are looking forward to visits in the weeks ahead as we continue to develop insights for the ILS specification review. Should any colleges have specific information that they feel would be useful as part of the Medr review process please do let us know via investmentandmonitoring@medr.cymru. We look forward to hearing your feedback and speaking with the networks as we move forward.

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