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Dear Provider

Apprenticeship Funding in 2010/11

Following the ALPSE meeting this morning, further written assurance was requested by providers that all high quality 16-18 provision will continue to be funded in 2010/11 for any delivery over and above Maximum Contract Values.

I have sought guidance from colleagues on a communication to the provider network, but as we continue to be in purdah, I am unable to communicate any messages relating to future government policy. As soon as purdah has been lifted, I will ensure the necessary assurances are provided.

I would however remind you of this year's current guidance that there is no budget or affordability constraints for providers that wish to recruit 16-18 apprentices. If you anticipate exceeding your MCV, please advise your Account Manager/Advisor so that the necessary adjustments can be made.

In terms of adult apprenticeships, any delivery in 2009/10 over and above Maximum Contract Value continues to be at a provider's own risk. It is also important for providers to ensure for any further starts in 2009/10, even where providers still have capacity within their MCV, that learners carrying-in to 2010/11 can be funded from within the provider's 2010/11 MCV. Whilst we anticipate being able to increase MCV's in year where there is any under-performance across the network, this is not guaranteed.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel McKellar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel McKellar
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