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‘The local authority role in commissioning and delivering apprenticeships’

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56 days to go!

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Local authority commissioning of 16-19 education and training

"From 1 April 2010, local authorities will have responsibility for commissioning and funding all education and training for young people up to the age of 19 (and 25 with learning difficulties), making them the strategic lead for all children's services from 0 to 19."

(from DCSF summary of ASCL Act 2009)

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"The NAS has end-to-end responsibility for apprenticeships.

The Government's expectation is that every suitably qualified young person has access to an apprenticeship place in one of two chosen sectors, and that 1 in 5 young people will be undertaking an apprenticeship by 2020."

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LAs will need to work closely with the NAS, usually at SRG level, to identify and agree the demand from young people, using data from the apprenticeship vacancies system and the Common Application Process, as well as any other local intelligence available.

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LAs also have a key role, through their IAG services, in ensuring that apprenticeships are positively promoted to all young people as a constructive option.

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Local authorities as providers of apprenticeships

LAs are major employers in their own right, and should ensure that their employment strategies include apprenticeships as part of the mix.

LAs are able to promote public sector apprenticeships with their Children's Trust partners (health, police, and others).

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Two issues

What happens when there is a mismatch of apprenticeship supply and demand?

What happens when an apprenticeship is available, but not until later in the year?

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