

Frequently asked questions

Question: Is the eligibility for participants subject to the employer's postcode or the learner's postcode?

Answer: We want to focus the benefits on the residents in the West of England, we are yet to fully clarify. Employer supported should be based in the region.

Question: when does the year 1 funding complete?

Answer: 31st March 2023, any unspent funding will not roll forward to the next year.

Question: Which sectors are we interested in for employers?

Answer: The sectors we are interested in supporting are those outlined in the priority indicator document.

Question: how to monitor participants who have increased their confidence in their numeracy skills and ready to move on to further learning and completing a Level 1/2 in numeracy?

Answer: Currently we don't have a prescribed route, we are looking for providers to demonstrate how they will achieve this.

Question: Are the specifications for target participants, such as they should be unemployed and inactive for 6 months, strictly the only eligible participants to join the programme?

Answer: Eligibility criteria and participant we are looking target are outline in the specification document.

Question: Is there a minimum contract spend?

Answer: No, there is no minimum contract value.

Question: Is this general funding?

Answer: This is not general funding and can only be used to deliver specific output and outcomes of the Multiply Programme.

Question: Is there a syllabus or guidance to deliver this programme?

Answer: For the first year of delivery there is no syllabus or guidance. We are looking for providers to demonstrate how they plan to deliver the outputs and outcomes of the programme in the West of England.

Question: Department for Education plan to launch a Digital platform, how will this link with Multiply?

Answer: We are not currently aware of the full details; we are aware it will be anticipated to launch in January - March 2023. We will provide more details as we receive them.

Question: Are we looking for online delivery?

Answer: We do not want only online delivery, we are happy to accept applications with a blended delivery, however there should be an explanation on how this will have the impact that the programme requires and support progression of the participant.

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Question: If we do not know our exact delivery locations at this stage of development what should we put in the application documentation.

Answer: Providers should submit your best understanding of where provision will be delivered to enable us to understand the potential spread of provision across the West of England. We are aware that providers may wish to alter their delivery locations to respond to need, we can discuss this with successful applicants as and when this issue arises.