

## ACL update no 25

Dear All

A big thank you to all who supported us during this weeks Ofsted visit. The inspectors spent 2 days looking at how we have managed to maintain our provision during the pandemic. They interviewed a wide variety of people, including ACL tutors and providers. We will let you know the outcome of the visit in due course.

Please do encourage your staff to sign up to our CPD workshops, we have had to cancel two due to low numbers.

If you come across anything that you think would benefit other providers do please let me know and I will add it to the weekly updates. Please do share what you think is relevant to your contacts.

Please do contact us if you need anything else.

Keep safe and well

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### Ofsted Visit: message from Dee John

Dear colleagues,

We had an Interim Ofsted visit this week where they were looking at our response to COVID 19. A number of our staff, managers, ACL partners and learners were involved either face to face or virtually. As this wasn't an inspection and they weren't making judgements, they were none the less pleased to see the passion and pride exhibited by all. They also noted all the adaptations that were made to ensure that learning continued and that our communities were supported. A brief report will be received in due course and we will share that with you.

Thank you all for your continued hard work, it's a privilege to work such an amazing group of people.

Kindest regards

Dee John

Head of Service.

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### Covid-19 update

You will be aware that the Government announced the new tier system last week and many parts of country are under different restrictions. Hampshire is currently under tier 1. Please note that should this change, the guidance for education remains the same and is not

affected by the tier system; it is still expected that after you have risk assessed (centres and travel), and provided a safe environment you will open for face to face teaching, supplemented by online.

“Education is exempt from any of the restrictions in all alert levels so they should remain open. Provider risk assessments should be continually reviewed and adapted. All education providers should remain open under any circumstances, particularly for vulnerable learners but also if they have 16-19 students to meet the requirement that the majority of their planned hours are on site. If you have clear documented public health advice that you need to substantially restrict on site attendance you should engage with ESFA territorial teams ahead of taking and communicating action.”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision>

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### **New resources for online delivery**

The link below will provide access to resources, tools and tips about remote delivery.

<https://www.onlinecentresnetwork.org/resources/remote-delivery>

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### **New resource on the VLE:**

Some tutors have already discovered Padlet as an online teaching tool, Kevin Rhodes has put together some information on using this on our VLE:

<https://www.hampshirefutures.co.uk/mod/book/view.php?id=11430>

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### **Data Entry Reminder**

Please ensure colleagues have access to, and have read the updated [Data Collection Guidance Notes 20/21](#), as we are already starting to see courses being entered on to EBS late e.g. after the course has started.

*...For most courses, the course information should be on the MI system at least six weeks before the start of the course to take advantage of the opportunity for increased publicity from appearing on local and national course search websites. Courses that are not to be advertised to the general public may be added at the shorter notice of two weeks before the course start. Courses added within two weeks of the start date will only be funded with the prior approval of the Programme Manager. Courses due to be led by a new tutor, or a tutor who has not been observed in the academic year, that are entered within two weeks of the course start date will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Courses that do not appear on the MI system before the start of the course will not be funded...*

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**Actions for staying safe and productive:**

- Create a memory box to record the events of the year
- Make a cake for a friend or neighbour

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**HA upcoming CPD Events**

- Safeguarding adult learners (refresher) 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 7-8.30pm  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/119443210859>
- Recognising Outstanding teaching 6<sup>th</sup> November 10-11am, please note new date  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/119443816671>

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**Observation of Teaching Learning and Assessment:**

We have started formal observations of tutors delivering on our funded courses. Please be aware that we have updated our notifications to take account of the current Covid-19 situation, so do make sure you check the instructions as to what we are asking providers and tutors to provide. The notifications are different for on-site observations and online observations.