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LSIS QCF Readiness Provider Support Programme

The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) is a new way of recognising skills and qualifications by awarding credit for whole qualifications and for units, or small steps of learning.

The new framework:

- presents qualifications in a way that is easy to understand and measure; and
- allows learners to gain qualifications at their own pace along flexible routes.

To guide you through the process of implementing the QCF in your organisation, the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) has a range of support on offer through a new programme. The LSIS QCF Readiness Provider Support Programme will enable colleges and learning providers to exploit the flexibilities of the QCF to deliver responsive provision which meets the needs of employers, learners and communities. In turn, this will lead to increased participation, achievement and progression in a time of changing economic circumstances.

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Support available through the programme falls into five broad areas:

A consultancy service for QCF action planning will be available through regional QCF advisers. They will work with senior managers to enable them to address the implementation of the QCF within their organisational planning, development and quality improvement processes. Consultancy support will also be available to Support for Excellence Peer Review and Development groups to develop examples of embedding QCF implementation into SAR and QIP processes.

Professional development opportunities for practitioners include:

- a modular CPD training programme to develop flexible curriculum models and personalised learning programmes that harness the potential of the QCF; and
- the QCF Champions training programme to develop the skills of key staff who will lead curriculum development and can develop the skills of other practitioners within their organisation.

A series of events will be held to update on policy drivers which may impact on the way in which providers implement the QCF.

A range of resources developed for the programme will include:

- a website with forums, a diagnostic tool and action planner and case studies;
- a QCF readiness matrix for practitioners to identify key areas for support;
- QCF in Action newsletters and case studies; and
- interactive training modules.

Funding for action research projects will be allocated to allow providers to develop and share emerging practice across the sector.

The QCF Readiness Provider Support Programme is open to both managers and practitioners. To find out more or register your interest, call 0845 609 9001, email QCFprovidersupport@nordanglia.com or visit www.excellencegateway.org.uk/QCFprovidersupport.