



Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will there be any future opportunities to bid in for the devolved AEB 2019/2020?**

Following analysis of the procured and grant funded allocations there may be a decision to seek additional provision. The process may include a further procurement round or through the establishment of a framework. All information will be posted on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority website.

- **If I have not been successful this year does that mean I will not have any opportunity to offer provision for potentially 3 years?**

As above, future opportunities maybe initiated following analysis, this will be an ongoing process to ensure that the provision delivers the right mix and balance of provision to meet the key objectives of the funding.

- **Is it too late to deliver as a subcontractor for a Provider who has been successful through the procurement exercise?**

Bidders were required to identify their subcontractors in their submission, however, it is acknowledged that Lead Providers may still need to make some adjustments during the on-boarding process, all of which will be subject to agreement by the LCRCA. Lead Providers will be required to confirm their declared list of subcontractors, including their potential maximum contract values during the Due Diligence process. Subcontracting must be informed by strategic objectives, Lead Providers are responsible for ensuring that this is addressed. Any changes during the contract period is subject to business case approval via the LCRCA AEB Commissioning Panel.

- **Can I apply for future opportunities if I was not successful in the first commissioning round?**

Any future bidding opportunities will be open to all providers in line with the relevant procurement rules and openly advertised on the Chest North West Portal. Providers who have not already done so are encouraged to subscribe to our mailing list and register their interest for AEB updates on the following webpage:

<https://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/adult-education-budget/>

- **I have LCR residents still in learning but was not successful in getting a contract with the LCRCA – what should I do?**

If your learners will still be in learning post 1 August 2019, the ESFA will fund the continued learning through a carry in contract. You should contact the ESFA directly with regards to any learners in this situation.

- **I have a waiting list of learners from the LCR to undertake my provision, what should I do?**

If your current contract with the ESFA allows, then you should recruit as normal within the 2018/19 academic year. All LCR learners already in learning prior to 1 August 2019 will be funded as a carry in learner from the ESFA post 1 August 2019.

- **How will learners find out where provision is available, will this be published somewhere?**

A list of devolved grant funded providers and contract for services providers will be available in due course on the LCRCA website. We are currently exploring additional ways in which we can promote LCR funded AEB provision available for LCR residents and information will be made available as this develops.

We will work with the LCR Careers Hub and its member Careers Information Advice and Guidance providers to ensure learners are signposted to LCR AEB funded provision.