

Teesside University Rationale for Sub-contracting of Degree Apprenticeships and Fees

Apprentice training is delivered by the University or sub-contractors selected and monitored according to the University's sub-contracting policy.

The rationale and governance of sub-contracting is approved by University Governance.

The following rationales have undergone the following scrutiny and endorsement:

Apprenticeship Project Board: 12th May 2023

University Executive: 16th May 2023

Board of Governors: 19th May 2023

1.1 Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship

Partial Delivery sub-contracted to Cleveland Police (3 year programme)

ESFA Criteria: *fill gaps in niche or expert provision, or provide better access to training facilities* **Rationale:** The University's delivery follows the collaborative Police Force/Provider model as defined by the College of Policing (CoP) where:

- The HEI is the Awarding Body, the Main Training Provider, and the principal provider of final summative assessment.
- In England, the HEI needs to be on the [Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers](#) (RoATP) - Teesside University is currently registered under UKPRN 10007161.
- The Programme was jointly developed with Cleveland Police and is delivered by both academic and police personnel.
- The Programmes is approved/validated and recognised through HEI processes and linked to the College of Policing QSA.
- The assessment of the programme is conducted by force and HEI.
- For England, the Independent end point assessment is conducted by an organisation that is on the Register of End Point Assessment Organisations.
- Quality Assurance is managed under HEI processes (QAA and internal) and in line with IfATE/ESFA.

The subcontracted elements of the programme are those which are identified as 'reserved' by the College of Policing. These are the areas of the curriculum which are suitable only for delivery by the police service due to the specific professional nature of the learning.

All police service delivery is managed by professional trainers within the employer force, supported by the HE provider as appropriate.

1.2 Paramedic Integrated Degree Apprenticeship

Partial delivery sub-contracted to North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (3 year programme)

ESFA Criteria: *fill gaps in niche or expert provision, or provide better access to training facilities*

Rationale: The Paramedic Apprenticeship provided North East Ambulance Service with an opportunity to address their shortage of paramedics.

NEAS are developing its own workforce and has extensive experience of delivering higher education programmes as a previous delivery partner of Teesside University. NEAS, as the employer, requested the opportunity to work with the university so that apprentices can take advantage of learning first hand, in a real working environment and in equipped simulated and real situations. The Trust has access to specialist training equipment that the University does not, such as blue light training vehicles which greatly enhance the apprentices' learning journey.

1.3 Level 2 Mathematics and English Provision

ESFA Criteria: *fill gaps in niche or expert provision, or provide better access to training facilities*

Rationale: The University is not an approved level 2 testing centre, therefore level 2 Mathematics and English provision is sub-contracted to an appropriate organisation (currently Hartlepool College of Further Education). The college is a trusted partner of the University through their role in the TUCP.

2. Fees Retained for the administration and management of sub-contracting

The University retains responsibility for the quality assurance, administration and management of sub-contracted provision. This includes:

- Initial due diligence of proposed subcontractors
- Annual quality monitoring audit including observations, visits (where appropriate and possible), apprentice progress review and action planning.
- Support for Sub-Contractors, co-ordination of activity (e.g. referral and tracking of learners (level 2 maths and English)) and facilitation of and attendance at meetings.
- Administration of funding and payments in relation to sub-contracting.

For each of those activities, a number of hours are allocated against each, against a staff category, to come up with a total cost per annum. The total cost per annum is multiplied by the number of years of the programme and then divided by the estimated annual student intake, to determine a cost per student over the duration of the programme.

Sub-Contractor	Funds retained per student over duration of programme
Cleveland Police	£37.00
North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	£137.15
Hartlepool College of Further Education	£0