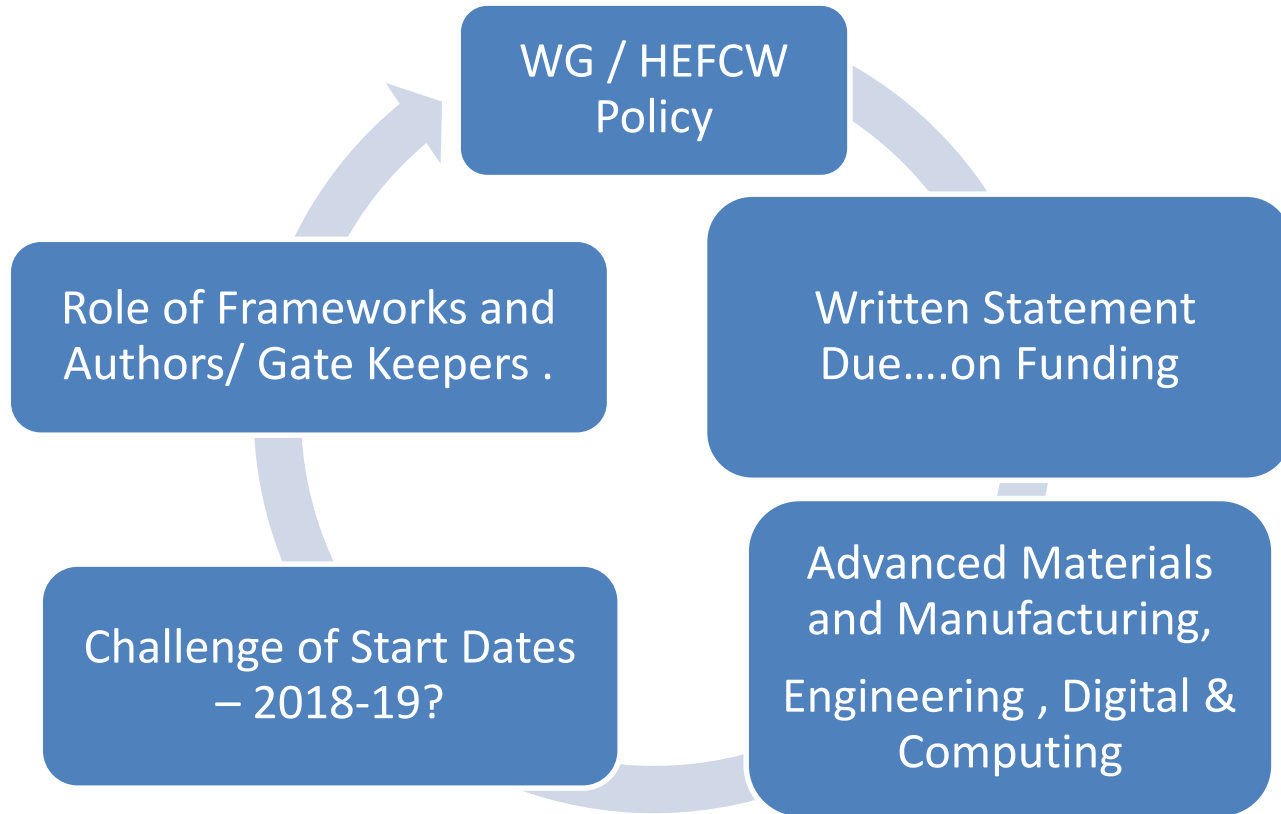


# Degree Apprenticeships

## University is not for me?

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# Current Policy Context in Wales



# Apprenticeship Scale/ Reality in Wales

- Scale of Current Higher and Ordinary Apprenticeship Budget in Wales £125M
- Proposed Initial Scale of HE Degree Apprenticeship Budget in Wales £10m
- Need for clarity of long term funding model after the pilots.
- Risk that Degree Apprenticeships in Wales are bounded by current funding rather than what the actual content/ demand .
- Ensure Students are aware of what already exists and how these programmes are valued by employers.

*Likely to be 'part' of the HE Landscape in Wales .  
Need to be distinguish between funding routes and actual  
differences in pedagogy , depth of learning and destinations .*

# Vocational Education not new.

Universities have always worked with regional and national employers.

Which courses are  
in effect Degree  
Apprenticeships  
Already?

Which  
Programmes  
embed traditional  
Academic and  
Applied learning

Levels of  
Knowledge and  
Understanding  
and Levels of  
Skills and Practice

Where, how and  
when does the  
programme of  
learning take  
place?

Pace of Learning  
and Practice –  
what we know  
from higher and  
ordinary  
apprenticeships.

# Key Ingredients...

## Employer Demand

- Learner is an employee
- Contract with an Employer
- Funding agreed with ..

## Frameworks and Competency Based

- An Approved Qualification
- Mapped to Core Competencies
- Mapped to Technical Knowledge

## Essential Skills & Assessments

- Numeracy, Literacy and Digital etc
- Role of End Point Assessment (x)
- Integrated Model or Professional Body

What does the learner want/ need and who is providing the advice or perspective on what is 'best' for the student?

Quality of Education

Quality of Work Based Learning

Integration of Theory and Practice in Assessments?

Long Term Recognition and Progression

*Need to differentiate between employer, provider,  
university interests and those of students....*

- ‘Vocational HE’ part of what we have always done.
- Visibility and Presence with Employers
- Government Discourse – Parity of Esteem – Funding.
- Immediate and Long Term Value to Individual
- Enable students to understand how recognised or not an award is with a wide range of employers.
- What are the next steps for a learner.
- How sustainable is the model in different parts of the country and for different sectors and subject areas.

# Policy Links in Wales

- [https://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/hefcw\\_responses\\_to\\_consultations/WG%20Apprenticeship%20Consultation%20v%202.0.pdf](https://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/hefcw_responses_to_consultations/WG%20Apprenticeship%20Consultation%20v%202.0.pdf)
- [http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/hefcw\\_responses\\_to\\_consultations/hefcw%20apprenticeships%20in%20wales%202017.pdf](http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/hefcw_responses_to_consultations/hefcw%20apprenticeships%20in%20wales%202017.pdf)
- [http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars\\_2016/w16%2047he%20supporting%20strategic%20change%20fund.pdf](http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2016/w16%2047he%20supporting%20strategic%20change%20fund.pdf)



# Details of Welsh Provision

These Stats Wales tables show numbers by sector, the second one provides more detail:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Post-16-Education-and-Training/Further-Education-and-Work-Based-Learning/Learners/Work-Based-Learning/learningprogrammestarts-in-workbasedlearning>

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Education-and-Skills/Post-16-Education-and-Training/Further-Education-and-Work-Based-Learning/Learners/Work-Based-Learning/learningprogrammesapprenticeships>

## Links and Resources

For updates on the current policy in England please see ....

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/education-and-skills-funding-agency>

<http://www.uvac.ac.uk>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/institute-for-apprenticeships>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-of-apprenticeship-training-providers>