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Foreword

The Standards Unit

We are committed to the following principles which underpin all our work:

- We will recognise and celebrate excellence in the post-16 sector.
- We will recognise and celebrate diversity.
- We will be open and participative in our approaches to development.
- We will recognise barriers to excellence and be supportive of those working in challenging contexts.
- We will challenge underperformance.

Success for All is a partnership between the DfES Standards Unit and the Learning and Skills Council (LSC). The Standards Unit leads on Themes 2 and 3 and the LSC on Themes 1 and 4:

- Theme 1 – meeting needs, improving choice
- Theme 2 – putting teaching, training and learning at the heart of what we do
- Theme 3 – developing the leaders, teachers, training and support staff of the future
- Theme 4 – developing a framework for quality and success.

The Standards Unit was set up in January 2003 to embed excellence in teaching, training and learning and to modernise and upgrade the sector's workforce. It acts as a catalyst, selecting priority curriculum areas for action and harnessing the work of partners to improve quality in the post-16 learning and skills sector – in FE and sixth form colleges, sixth forms in schools, work-based learning, adult and community learning and the prison service.

The Unit's staff includes officials and expert practitioners seconded from colleges and other providers and the inspectorates. This core team is supported by call-off consultants, whose expert knowledge enables delivery in a range of areas. The work of the central team is supported by nine regional offices who are crucial to the national dissemination of the teaching and learning resources and the delivery of step improvements across the country. The Unit selects curriculum areas because of their importance to the economy and social inclusion and because inspection outcomes show there is room for improvement

To support the improvements required, the Standards Unit is also providing national free training in coaching for teachers and trainers who have been nominated as Subject Learning Coaches by their managers. The programme is designed to provide professional training for Subject Learning Coaches so that they can work confidently with colleagues to further improve teaching, training and learning in their subject area. It is a new and exciting programme which is being embedded through subject networks, where Subject

Learning Coaches from different backgrounds meet to share best practice and develop their coaching skills. If you would like to know more about becoming a Subject Learning Coach, why don't you speak to your Standards Unit Regional Director or look at www.successforall.gov.uk.



This health and social care resource will be a valuable reference in network meetings when Subject Learning Coaches are discussing the health and social care curriculum. We hope you will find this a useful resource and we look forward to receiving your comments and feedback.

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