

TACKLING INACTIVITY IN COLLEGES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does the Tackling Inactivity Project Lead post need to be exclusively for one person or can the role be split?

Each funding application will need to include at least one new Tackling Inactivity Project Lead post to deliver against the project outcomes. We will consider various models within this framework.

Will Project Leads be expected to work across multiple sites for larger colleges?

We would expect the work of the project lead to be focused and targeted on a manageable number of sites, or that there is additional workforce allocated to the project to ensure a good level of service is provided at each site.

Will there be age restrictions on who colleges can engage in this project?

No, the funding is aimed at reducing inactivity in colleges, which includes all students regardless of age. A minimum of 80% of those engaged in the project must be students. This gives scope to include staff and community members in the project as long as the focus remains on reducing inactivity.

Can data and insight collected from this current academic year be used in the application?

Yes, college insight that is relevant to inactive students and under-represented groups can be submitted and will be considered as part of the application.

Can colleges work with school students before they transition into colleges?

Colleges are encouraged to work with students transitioning into colleges to gather insight into behaviours and preferences of Year 11 students. However, we cannot fund activities that are run for school students.

Can the activity be delivered at any time of the day?

Yes, it will be up to individual colleges to determine what delivery looks like and we expect the tackling activity project to be tailored towards what works best to engage inactive participants.

Will joint funding applications from more than one college be considered?

Yes. The logistics of how these projects will function and the commitment of partners to work together will be assessed on a case by case basis. Our learning from Active Colleges is that joint projects have been challenging, both in terms of delivery and financial processes, so wherever possible we would encourage colleges to apply as an individual applicant.

What happens if a college has a planned merger? Do they apply as a separate college or apply as one entity?

If potentially merging colleges are still separate legal entities at the point of submission of their applications, they will need to apply as separate entities or as a joint project with one college

If colleges apply for funding through the Tackling Inactivity in Colleges programme will it affect their ability of gaining funding through other Sport England funding programmes?

No, Colleges will be able to apply to more than one funding stream. As part of the assessment process for all funded programmes, Sport England will look at all existing applications or awards to assess whether additional application will provide additionality in regards to the delivering against Sport England outcomes.

Will funded projects be spread geographically throughout the country?

Submissions will be assessed on their own merit using a points system. Where there are several submissions with the same score, the economic deprivation rating may be taken into account.

There is a criteria in the assessment looking at track record. How will Sport England assess this for colleges that have not had funding from Sport England before?

Sport England has asked colleges to demonstrate how they have facilitated access to physical activity for their students to help show a commitment to the aims of the Tackling Inactivity programme. If you have not received funding from Sport England previously, or your track record of delivering similar project is not strong, information should be provided to demonstrate how you will achieve the outcomes of your project.

Why is Sport England asking for 15% cash partnership funding?

Sport England have asked for a partnership funding to help demonstrate a college's commitment to the tackling inactivity project. A cash partnership funding contribution of 15% is significantly less than the contribution required for the College Sport Maker programme. In kind partnership contributions in addition to the cash contribution are welcomed. However, we will not ask colleges to account for this, as this has proven to be a complex administrative process for colleges and our Sport England grants team.

The programme guidance suggests a 65% / 35% funding split between workforce and delivery. Is this a requirement?

The suggested split between a workforce and delivery budget has been based on consultation with our FE sector partners and reflects the overall split between staff and delivery costs in most of the college sector. It is only intended as guidance and variations will be considered.

Is there only one round of funding?

Yes, there is only one funding round planned at this stage.

Will the programme funding be extended beyond two years?

Tackling Inactivity in Colleges funding has been secured for 2 years. Sport England will regularly review the impact of the programme and may consider further investment into projects that successfully deliver against programme outcomes.

Can CSMs apply for the project lead role?

Yes CSMs can apply for the role of Tackling Inactivity Project Lead as long as the college recruitment processes (internal or external) to fill the post, are clear and fair. The skills, competencies and experience of the successful applicant must match the roles and responsibilities set out in of the Job Description for the project lead.

Will CSM posts that have been extended until March 2017 be able to work on the new tackling inactivity project?

CSMs cannot take up the role of Tackling Inactivity Project Lead whilst simultaneously fulfilling the role of CSM. If the CSM post has been extended using Sport England underspend, the CSM can apply for the new project lead role. However, the CSM role must then be back-filled and the outcomes and targets for the CSM project will remain in place for the duration of the extension. If the college decides not to backfill the CSM role, Sport England will reclaim the financial underspend that was to be used for the extension.