

# Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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## News

**1** **Government plans for adult education**  
The Education Select Committee has published a special report, *A Plan for an Adult Skills and Lifelong Learning Revolution: Government Response to the Committee's Third Special Report of Session 2019–21*.

**3** **Survey launched to get views of FE staff**  
A new national survey is being launched by the University of Portsmouth to better understand the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had had on the wellbeing of the Further Education workforce.

### Training providers “horrified” at lack of COVID-19 tests

The Labour Party is calling for urgent Government action after independent training providers said that they had been “horrified” at the lack of COVID-19 tests for 16-19-year-old students who had returned in-person to training.

**4** **FE workforce critical for green growth**  
Ensuring that teachers and trainers in the Further Education and Training sector have the resources, skills and knowledge required to train those moving into jobs that would support green growth will be vital.

**5** **Guides for older workers and those facing redundancy**  
Unionlearn has published two guides for older workers and those facing redundancy.

## Document digest

**6** **Adult skills and lifelong learning**  
A special supplement on the Education Select Committee's special report on the Government's response to the Committee's report on adult skills. The report, *A Plan for an Adult Skills and Lifelong Learning Revolution: Government Response to the Committee's Third Special Report of Session 2019–21*, is the first major Government policy announcement devoted to adult education since the 2019 general election.

## COVID-19 announcements

**12** **Government advice on COVID-19**  
Details of all new documents on COVID-19 issued by governments across the UK.

## Policy papers

**13** **Policy papers published last week**  
There were no relevant policy papers published last week.

## 13 Consultations

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There were no new relevant consultations published last week, but there was one consultation outcome.

## Delegated legislation

**14** **Statutory instruments issued last week**  
There was one new relevant statutory instrument issued last week.

## Parliament - Debates

**15** **Kickstart; Youth Unemployment**  
Oral questions to the Department for Work and Pensions.

**16** **Unemployment and the over 50s**  
Lord Haskel (Lab) asked the Government what steps it was taking to address the number of unemployed people over the age of 50.

## Parliament - Questions

**17** **Answers to written questions**  
Answers to written questions to the Department for Education, the Ministry of Defence, the Department for Work and Pensions and the House of Lords.

## Publisher information

**26** **Subscription rates**  
Writers and subscription details.