

# Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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## News

### 1 Flexi-job apprenticeships

The TUC has said that flexi-job apprenticeships must not lead to exploitation.

### 3 HMCI at the Apprenticeships Conference

HM Chief Inspector Amanda Spielman discussed the impact of COVID-19 and Ofsted's work, at the Annual Apprenticeship Conference.

### 5 Civil Service Apprenticeship Strategy

The Cabinet Office published a policy paper, *The Civil Service Apprenticeship Strategy: Ensuring the Civil Service continues to deliver high-quality apprenticeships*.

### 6 Strategic guidance for IATE

The Government has issued strategic guidance for the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

## Feature

### 7 We must embrace blended learning

Dr Paul Armstrong of the University of Manchester argues that even with the return of education settings, we must still embrace blended learning.

## Policy papers

### 8 Policy papers published last week

Policy papers on distance learning and youth unemployment.

## Consultations

### 10 Consultations published last week

None of the consultations or consultation outcomes published last week were relevant.

## Delegated legislation

### 11 Statutory instruments issued last week

There was one statutory instrument issued last week that was relevant.

## Parliament - Debates

### 12 Adult education devolution

During oral questions to the DfE, Rosie Cooper (Lab, West Lancashire) asked the Under-Secretary of State for Education what assessment she had made of the effect of the devolution of the adult education budget to combined authorities on the choice of colleges available to students living near the authority boundary.

### 13 Retraining and upskilling

Gary Sambrook (Con, Birmingham, Northfield), Alexander Stafford (Con, Rother Valley), Jamie Wallis (Con, Bridgend) and Marco Longhi (Con, Dudley North) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps his Department was taking to support the (a) retraining and (b) upskilling of workers.

### 14 The Kickstart scheme

Baroness Sherlock (Lab) asked the Government what it was doing to increase the number of jobs created by the Kickstart Scheme.

## Parliament - Questions

### 15 Answers to written questions

Answers from the last two weeks, since Parliament returned from its Easter recess.

## Publisher information

### 36 Subscription rates

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