Social Enterprise and Third Sector Challenge Fund – Update for TSEF Executive Group meeting on 23 April

The final total for the Third Sector Challenge Fund as at 31 March 2013 was 1619 starts. This compares with a contracted numbers of starts – based on the Reforecast exercise carried out in late Nov/early Dec of 1732. So far, to 31 March 2013, providers have achieved sufficient success to have claimed 2887 Milestone payments, with the ratio of outcomes claimed to leavers standing at 87.7%. Since the project has been given an extension into April and May, to allow further Milestones and Outcomes to be claimed it is expected that the volumes of these will continue to rise over this period.

In terms of the number of starts compared with the contracted figure of 1732, the shortfall is primarily down to underperformance by 4 providers who achieved less than 75% of their contracted total. 15 providers either achieved their original contracted starts or their agreed additional starts, 3 didn’t meet their agreed additional starts but did meet their original contract total, 1 achieved over 95% of their contracted volumes and 1 provider met 90% of their contracted starts total. Scottish Government had agreed an extension to the claim period for Milestones and Outcomes, extending into April/May, and this extension had helped some of the providers recruit for a longer period into March than they had previously planned, boosting the final starts figure.

The evaluation by TERU has been extended to ensure that all activity and learning is captured.

Case studies will be requested from all providers in the coming weeks. These can be either a case study on the project or on an individual, and will be for the provider to decide. These will be shared, along with the evaluation, on the Employability in Scotland website.

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