

# Update on careers guidance policy in England

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# Current position

- Next Step operational:
  - face to face and telephone channels working as single service
  - new website by end September
- LLUK workforce strategy and Careers Profession Taskforce
- New Skills Strategy – careers guidance remains a priority
- Appointment of John Hayes as Minister responsible for careers guidance across DfE and BIS

# Looking forward

- Tighter constraints on spending expected – CSR outcome later this month
- Still much to decide and discussions with Ministers continuing
- Continuing focus on:
  - quality and professionalism of careers guidance
  - use of objective, empirical data to support guidance
- Issues to consider:
  - Consistency in workforce standards (young people and adults)
  - Promoting access to impartial guidance for young people in schools and colleges
  - Use of technology in providing guidance and expanding reach
  - Role of market in providing careers guidance