

Convergence Programme for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Programme Monitoring Committee – 25 February 2010

ESF Performance Report

1. Purpose

To provide the PMC Group detail on ESF performance data.

The information has been presented graphically with an accompanying narrative. The supporting data can be viewed in Annex 1

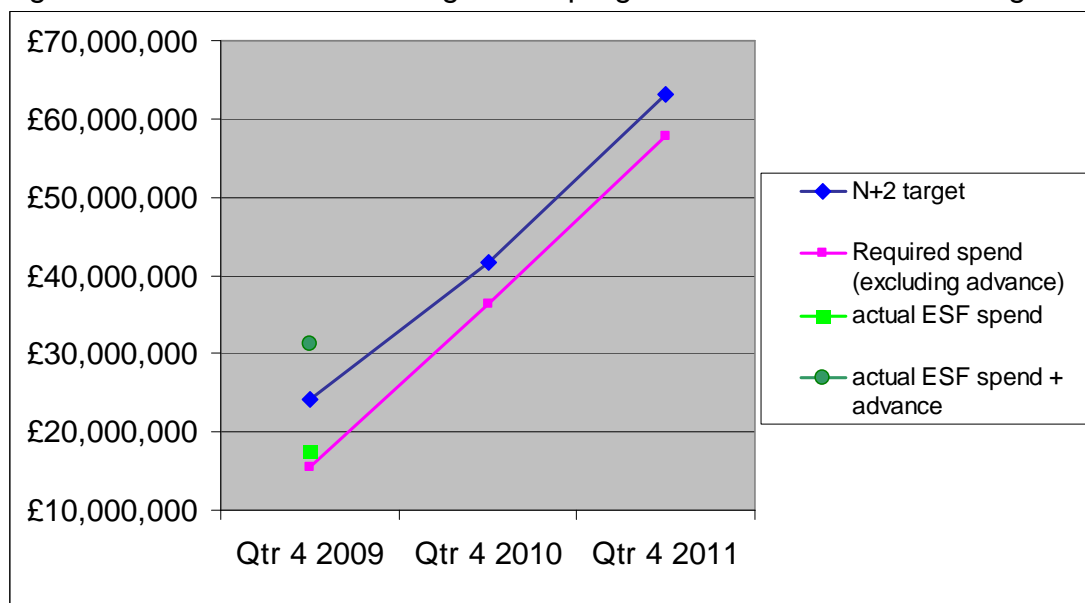
2. Spend

The ESF N+2 target for 2009 has been **exceeded by €7,239,310**

Spend information has been presented in two formats. The first format deals with expenditure as reported to the Commission. The second set of data reports the sterling expenditure reported by partners.

2.1. N+2 Performance

Figure 1: ESF 2007-13 Programme progress towards 2009 N+2 target



The ESF convergence Programme needs to spend **£16,952,066** to meet to 2010 N+2target.

November 2009 claims are currently being processed. The claims in the system total **£7,348,732**; once authorised the Programme will need to spend a further **£9,603,334** to meet the 2010 N+2 target. Progress to date indicates that this target is achievable.



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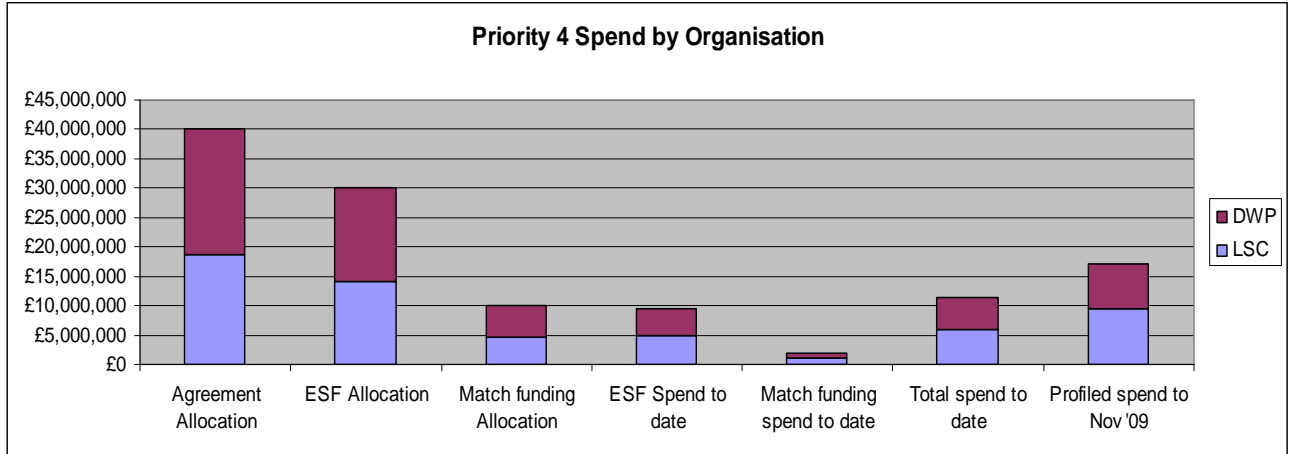


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2.2 Actual Partner Spend

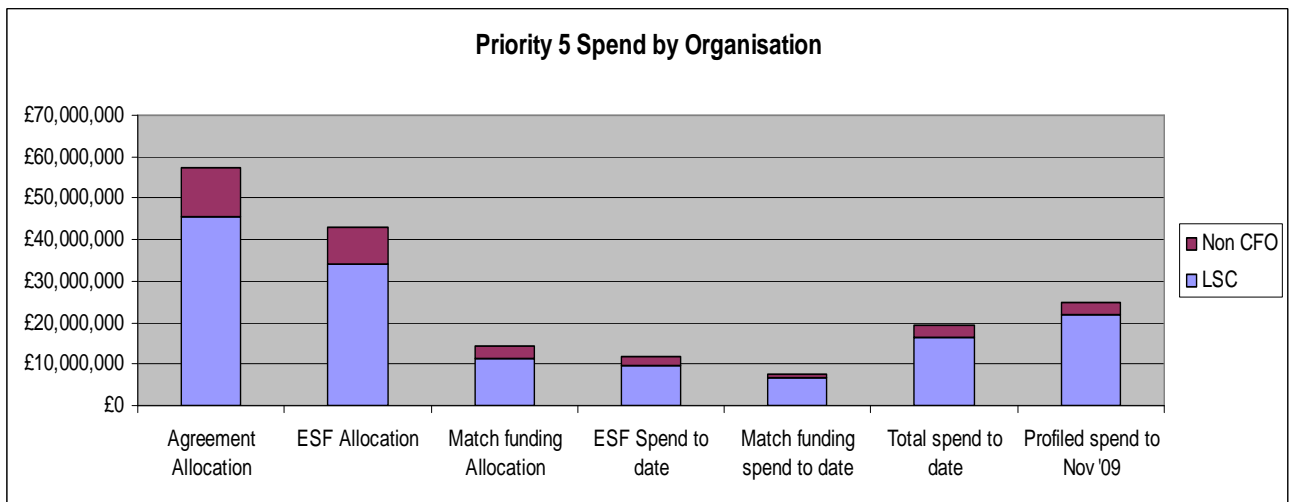
Please note that the November claims have not been processed at the time of the writing of this report.

Figure 2: Partner Spend for Priority 4



Although the November 2009 claims have not been processed, details of the LSC claims have been included in Figure 2; DWP claims have not yet been received.

Figure 3: Partner Spend for Priority 5



Once again the claims received by the LSC and HE partners have been included to give partners that most up to date information. Once the claims have been authorised P5 spend will be at 77% of profiled spend.



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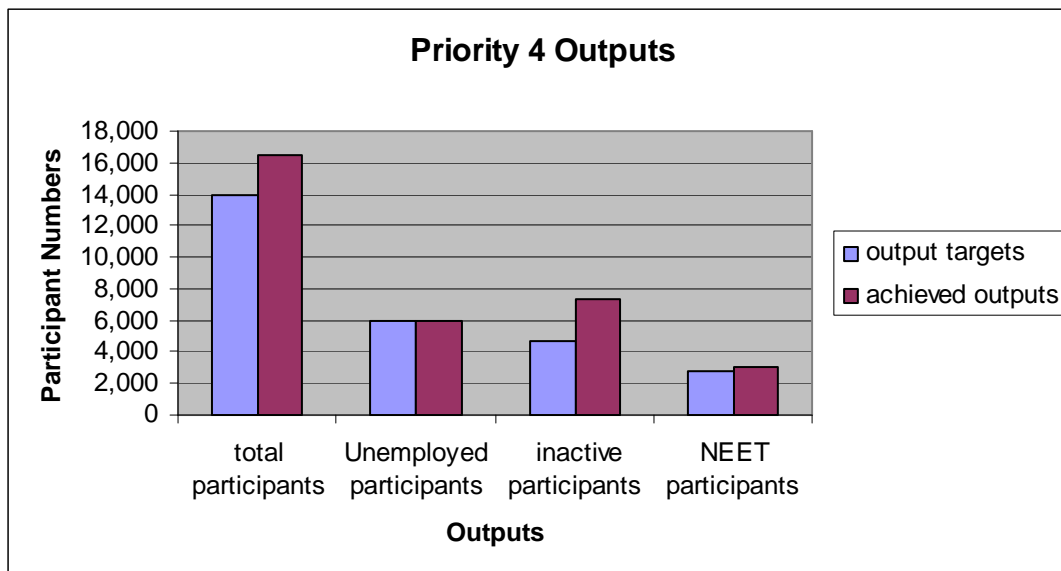
3. Performance

3.1 Priority 4 Outputs and Results

Priority 4 performance is excellent with all outputs and results either on target or being exceeded. Indeed, all 2010 outputs have been exceeded.

There is a fairly even split between the number of unemployed participants engaged by the LSC and DWP. Although this may seem surprising at first sight, it reflects the Skills for Work and Skills for Life activities that the LSC undertake to help prepare individuals for work. The high numbers of economically inactive participants being helped by DWP is also very encouraging. This shows that ESF is still supporting those furthest away from the labour market, often with multiple and complex barriers. There will be a need throughout 2010 to ensure that balance of 'workless' participants supported in P4 is in line with Programme outputs.

Figure 4: Priority 4 Outputs (2007-2010)



LSC and DWP are to be congratulated on the progress made during very challenging economic conditions. Participants in work on leaving shows, unsurprisingly, the lowest % movement towards the target. Nevertheless, the fact that over 1500 participants have moved into employment in very difficult labour market conditions is excellent. If the economy does start to pick up during 2010 it is hoped that the rate that people can move into job opportunities will increase accordingly.

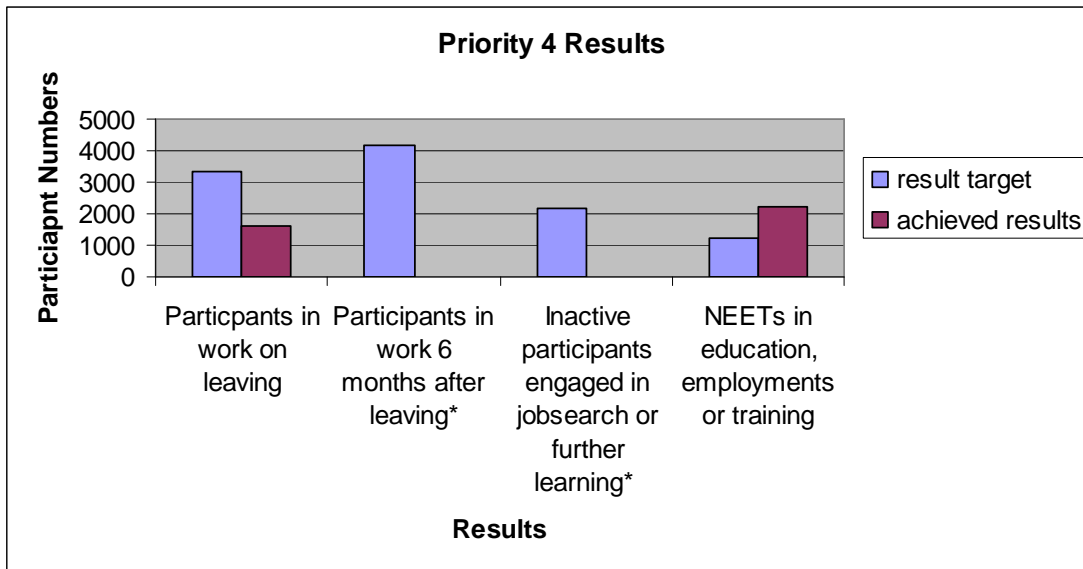


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Figure 5: Priority 4 Results (2007-2010)

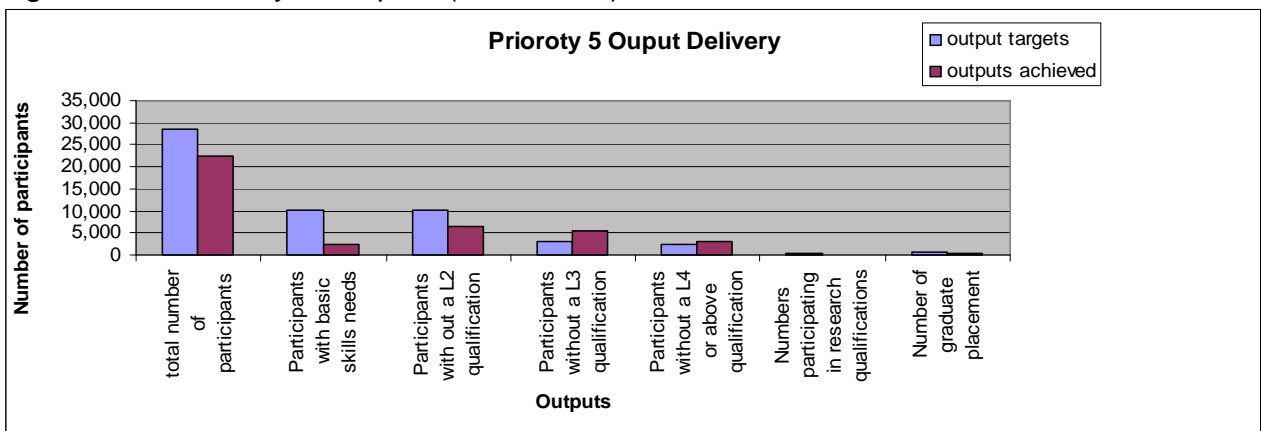


* Data will be collected as part of the cohort study that is currently underway.

3.2 Priority 5 Outputs and Results

Priority 5 delivery is improving with good progress being made on the numbers of participants engaged and those individuals that have started without a Level 2, Level 3 or a Level 4 qualification. The numbers engaged without a basic skills qualification, however, remaining worryingly low. The LSC head office has identified that it is under-reporting basic skills qualifications to ESFD and action is in hand to rectify this. Although improving the data capture will result in improved performance, it is still the case that the delivery of basic skills in the Convergence Programme remains under profile.

Figure 6: Priority 5 Outputs (2007-2010)



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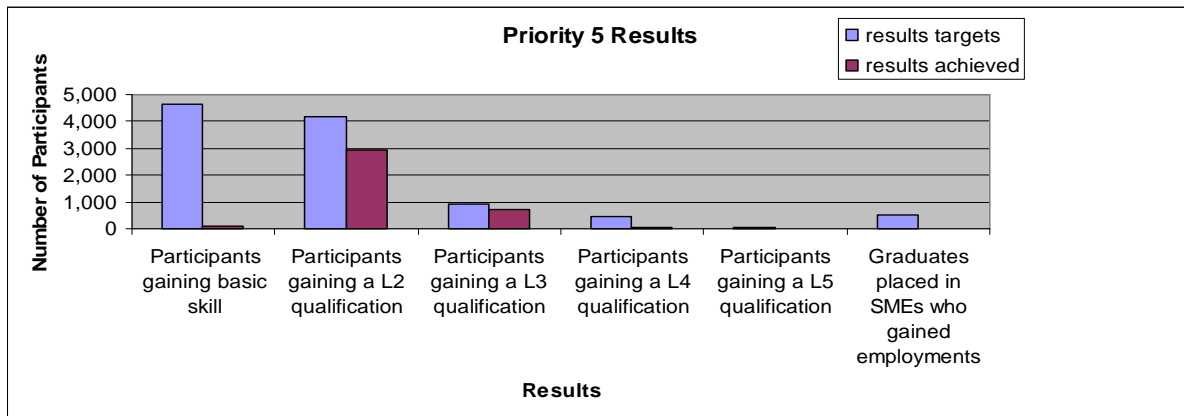


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Results for L2 qualifications are very positive with 2,943 qualifications now achieved. Those achieving basic skills are still very low (101 reported as at the end of November 2009). Demand for L3 qualifications has been strong and this is reflected in strong performance to date.

The HE outputs and results cannot be reported at present as there the data submitted to ESFD cannot be decrypted. ESFD are working with the IT departments of the HE institutions to resolve this problem. Project monitoring has shown that delivery is well underway in 4 of the 5 projects and progress is being made. GOSW will report HE outputs and results separately once the MI has come through.

Figure 7: Priority 5 Results (2007-2010)



4. Summary

In summary, ESF spend is very encouraging. The 2009 N+2 target was exceeded and good progress being made toward the 2010 target.

Priority 4 delivery is at, or above, profile. It appears that those most disadvantaged are still being offered opportunities through ESF which is a welcome finding. Over 2000 participants within the NEET group been given opportunities to move into employment, education or training and in excess of 1500 participants have moved into employment.

Priority 5 delivery continues to show improvement,, but outputs and results are still largely below profile. The LSC will need to work closely with all their delivery partners to ensure their contracts enable ESF activity to be undertaken in such a way to secure Programme delivery.

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Tables:

Table 1: ESF 2007-13 Programme progress towards 2009 N+2 target as at August 2009

Total Allocation	2010 N+2 Target €	Programme Advance @ 7.5%	Total expenditure €	Actual expenditure € ¹	Actual € expenditure + advance	Expenditure required to meet 2010 target	% of 2010 N+2 target
€196,433,940	€53,373,881	€14,732,546	€26,518,792	€19,889,094	€34,621,596	£16,952,066	64.87%

Table 2: Spend by CFO and non CFO (£) as at August 2009

Priority 4	SW LSC	DWP	Total
Agreement Allocation	£18,826,828	£21,333,333	£40,160,161
ESF Allocation	£14,120,121	£16,000,000	£30,120,121
Match Funding Allocation	£4,706,707	£5,333,333	£10,040,040
ESF Spend to date	£4,821,250	£4,580,849	£9,402,099
Match Funding Spend to date	£1,179,642	£819,183	£1,998,825
Total Spend to date	£6,000,892	£5,096,358	£11,400,924
Actual Spend % Allocation	31.87%	23.89%	28.39%
Profiled Spend to Nov '09	£9,503,890	£7,530,914	£17,034,840
Priority 5	SW LSC	Non CFO ²	Total
Agreement Allocation	£45,600,000	£11,750,000	£57,350,000
ESF Allocation	£34,200,000	£8,810,492	£43,010,492
Match Funding Allocation	£11,400,000	£2,939,508	£14,339,508
ESF Spend to date	£9,559,316	£2,083,739	£11,643,055
Match Funding Spend to date	£6,883,276	£667,049	£7,550,325
Total Spend to date	£16,442,592	£2,750,788	£19,193,380
Actual Spend % Allocation	36.06%	23.41%	33.47%
Profiled Spend to Nov'09	£22,037,700	£3,965,435	£26,003,135

¹ Actual expenditure = total expenditure * 75% intervention rate (I/R)

² Only includes those organisations who have submitted claims at the time of writing



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Table 3 – Profiled Spend

Profiled Spend Priority 4	LSC	DWP	Total
November 2009	£9,503,890	£7,530,914	£17,034,804
November 2010	£6,588,365	£8,670,344	£15,258,709
November 2011	£2,734,573	£5,049,092	£7,783,665
Total	£18,268,828	£21,250,350	£40,077,178
Profiled Spend Priority 5	LSC	Non CFO	Total
November 2009	£22,037,700	£3,965,435	£26,003,135
November 2010	£18,326,719	£3,346,683	£21,673,402
November 2011	£5,235,581	£2,437,882	£7,673,463
Total	£45,600,000	£9,750,000	£55,350,000

Table 4: Priority 4 Outputs and Results

Priority 4 Outputs and Results 2007-2010							
Programme Outputs	Target 2007-2010	SW LSC Performance		DWP Performance		Cumulative Performance	
		Number	% of target	Number	% of target	Number	% of target
Total Participants	14,000	5,859	42%	6,592	47%	12,451	89%
Total unemployed participants	5,900	2,231	38%	2,159	37%	4,390	74%
Total economically inactive participants	4,750	1,638	34%	4,081	86%	5,719	120%
14-19 NEETS	2,800	1,880	67%	352	13%	2,232	80%
Programme Results							
In work on leaving	3,350	108	3%	960	29%	1,068	32%
14-19 NEET into employment, education or training	1,250	4,402	112%	56	5%	1,458	117%



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Table 5: Priority 5 outputs and results

Priority 5 Outputs and Results 2007-2010							
Programme Outputs	Target 2007-2010	SW LSC Performance		Non CFO Performance		Cumulative Performance	
		Number	% of target	Number	% of target	Number	% of target
Total Participants	28,700	11,664	41%	Data not available ³		11,664	41%
Participants with basic skills needs	10,350	1,333	13%	N/A	N/A	1,333	13%
Without a Level 2	10,350	3,567	34%	N/A	N/A	3,567	34%
Without a Level 3	3,150	2,734	87%	N/A	N/A	2,734	87%
Without a Level 4	2,300	1,284	56%	Data not available		1,284	56%
Post Graduate Research	450	N/A	N/A	Data not available		0	0%
Graduates placed in SMEs	650	N/A	N/A	271	40%	271	40%
Programme Results							
Gained basic skills	4,650	37	0.8%	Data not available		37	0.8%
Gained a Level 2	4,150	1,418	34%	N/A	N/A	1,418	34%
Gained a Level 3	950	290	31%	N/A	N/A	290	31%
Gained a Level 4	450	9	2%	Data not available		9	2%
Gained a Level 5	70	N/A	N/A	Data not available		Data not available	
Placed with an SME into employment	490	N/A	N/A	Data not available		Data not available	

³ Due to technical difficulties in reporting MI it has not been possible to obtain some core non CFO data. The graduates placed into SMEs have being extracted directly from the claims.



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