

## Identifying key challenges to Foundation Year Provision post-2012

### 1. How will potential students view debt?

Exactly what will be the fee levels for fdn years? Ranges from £3500 - £9000

Students are currently getting mixed messages

It is said that 60% students will not repay the debt, but it is still a debt on their records, around their necks, and accruing interest

### 2. The use of UCAS points as a measure of quality

Fdn years do not fit the standard entry routes

Inappropriate use of UCAS points as benchmark for fdn years

A serious threat to those unis currently offering fdn years to mature students and/or those with few academic quals (or none)

Also driving down the number of available places

### 3. Balance between numbers of home/EU and international students

?Reduced numbers allowed into UK

Some colleagues report serious drop in numbers (eg from Libya), others increasing

Will fdn years become increasingly International ?

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Also discussed:

Women are less likely to engage when money is an issue – esp p/t

Retention rates seem to be improving (no correlation with input “standards”

Difference between those who truly fail, and those who do not pass through non engagement