

Why should we be thinking about an inclusive curriculum?

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Agenda

- ◉ Legal Obligation
- ◉ Changes to current model of support
- ◉ Exploration of key themes

Why?

- ◉ Equality Act –
 - Our Duty to make Reasonable Adjustment
 - Anticipatory Duty – 11 % of student declare a disability
- ◉ Changes to how individual support is funded (DSA).

What is Disabled Students' Allowances?

- For the last twenty years Disabled Students' Allowances has funded support for individual students with disabilities.
- About 60% of students who declare a disability are in receipt of DSA.

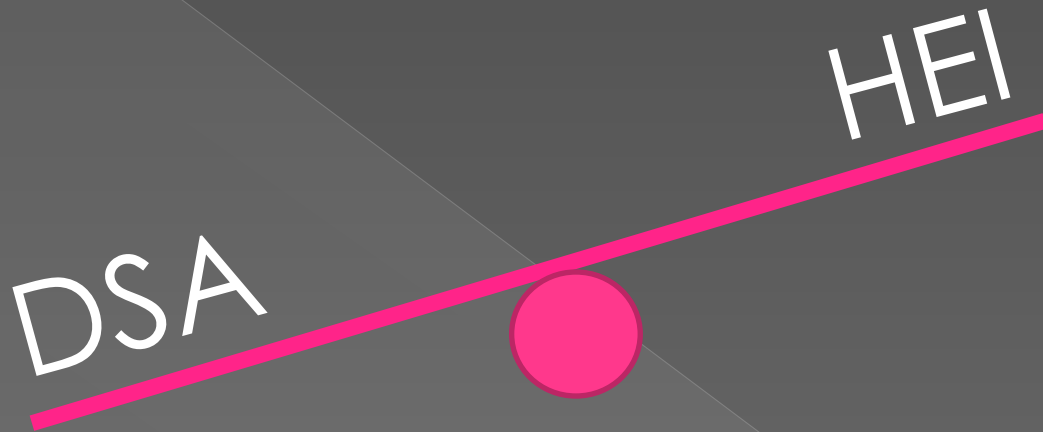
What does DSA pay for?

- ◉ General Allowances
- ◉ Travel Costs
- ◉ Computers
- ◉ Software
- ◉ Specialist Equipment
- ◉ Support Workers

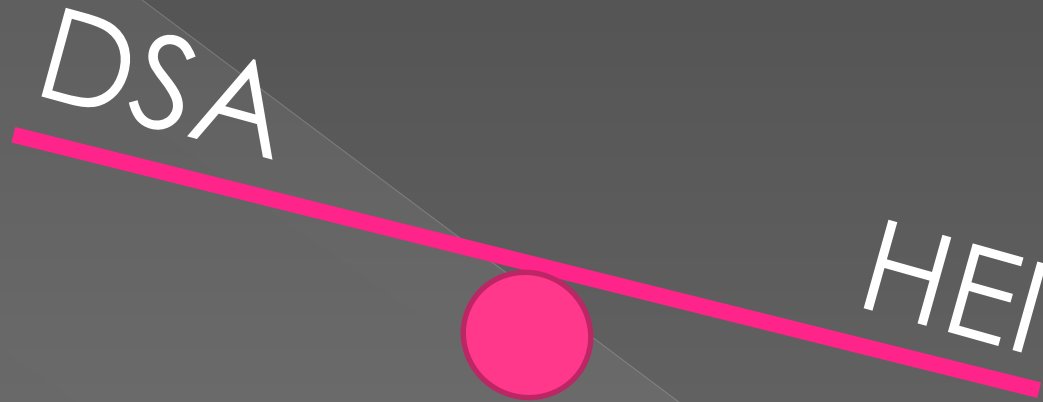
"Modernisation"

- Gov have announced "Modernisation of DSA" to rebalance responsibilities between Gov funding and HEIs.
- Changes will affect students applying for DSA for academic year 2015/16.

Rebalancing Responsibilities



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Phase 1 - 2015/16

DSA will no longer fund...

- Extra Accommodation Costs
- Travel Allowances
- Specialist Equipment
- General Allowances
- IT Equipment and Software

..."where needs are not complex"

Phase 2 - 2016/17

Withdrawal of Non-medical Help,
including...

- Note-Taker
- Practical Support
- Assistant
- Library Support Assistant
- Workshop/Lab Assistant
- Study Assistant
- Reader
- Scribe
- Exam Support Worker

But...

DSA will continue to fund "most Specialist non-medical help" including...

- Mentoring
- Study Skills
- BSL interpreter

Impact?

- ◉ UoY will have to bear some costs
- ◉ More inclusive practices
- ◉ Investment in technological solutions.
- ◉ Better use of existing resources