



GMLPN Online Member KIT

14th May 2025

9.30-11.30



Agenda

- Welcome & Open – Mark Currie | Chair of GMLPN
- GM Economic Update – Chris Fletcher | Policy Director / LSIP Director – GMCC
- FAST Member Offer - Claire Bridger | Commercial Manager – NCFE
- Updated Careers Guidance | Donna Graham - Positive Steps
- GMLPN Update
- UNESCO: City of Lifelong Learning – Simon Joos, Work and Skills Specialist – Manchester City Council
- Higher Health – Theo Cernow-Cooke
- Close – Mark Currie | Chair of GMLPN

Welcome

Mark Currie

Chair | GMLPN



GM Economic Update

Chris Fletcher

GMLSIP Director and Policy Director | GMCC



GM Chamber Economic Update

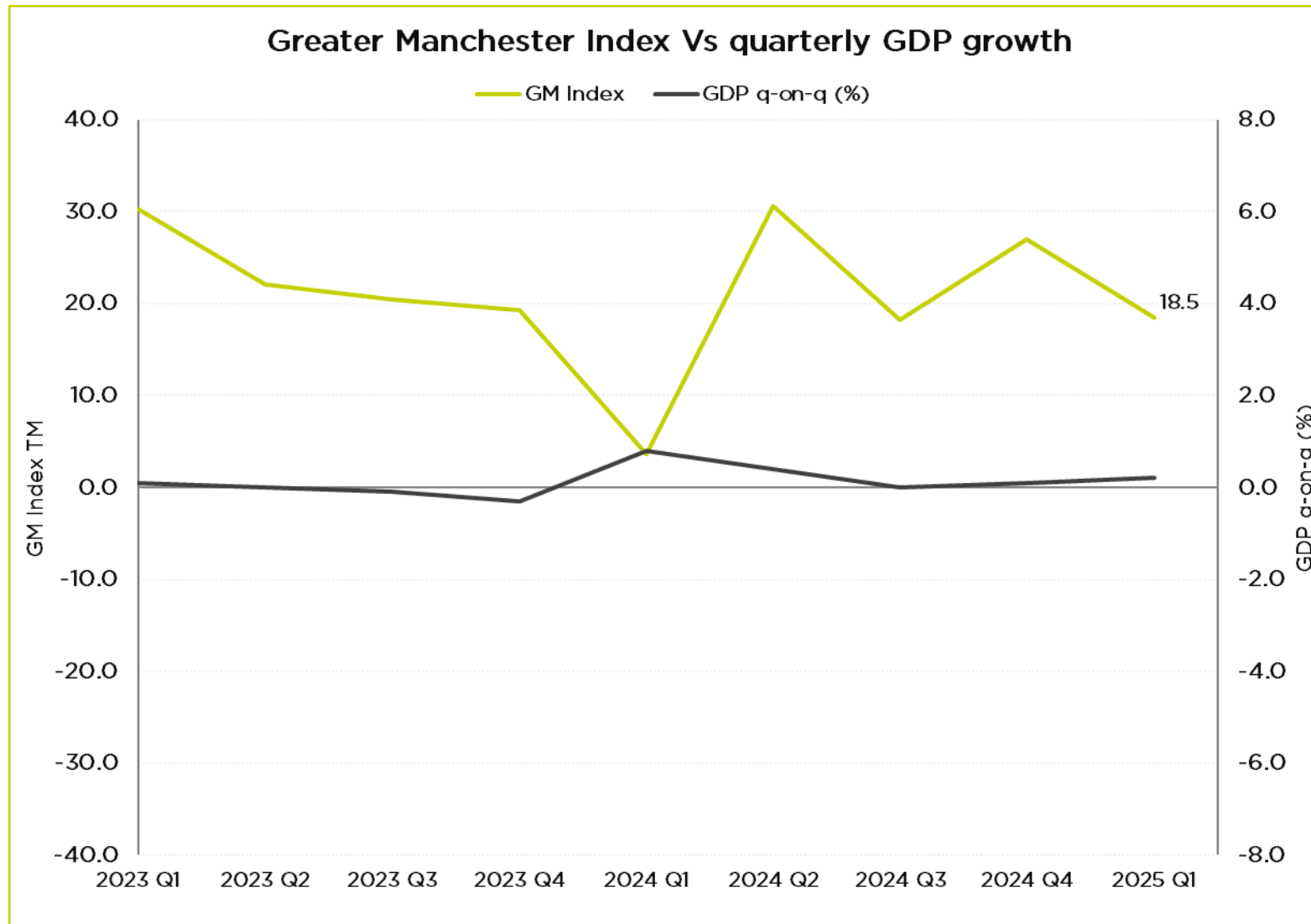
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- **Economic Update** – QES Q1 results
- **Policy Update** – other issues – tariffs!



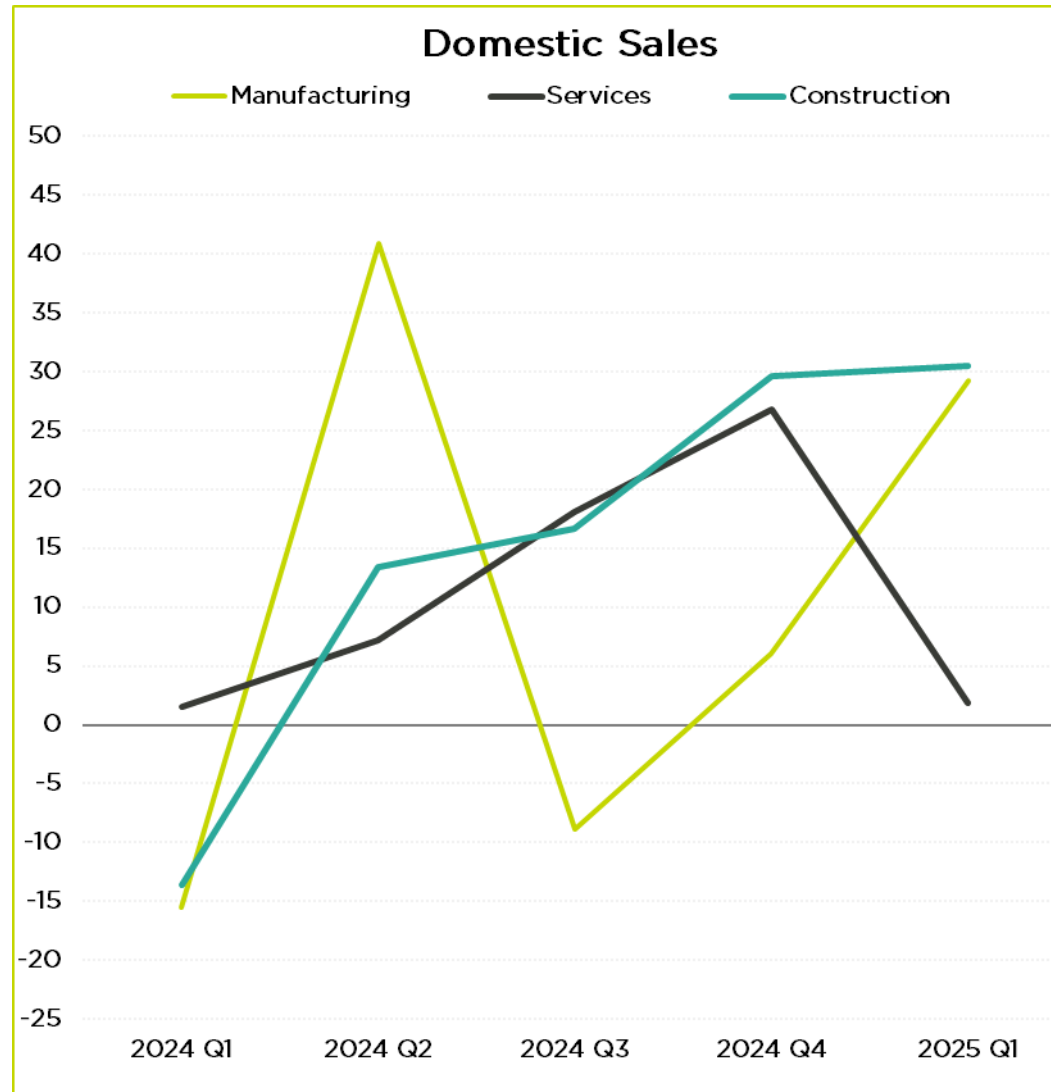
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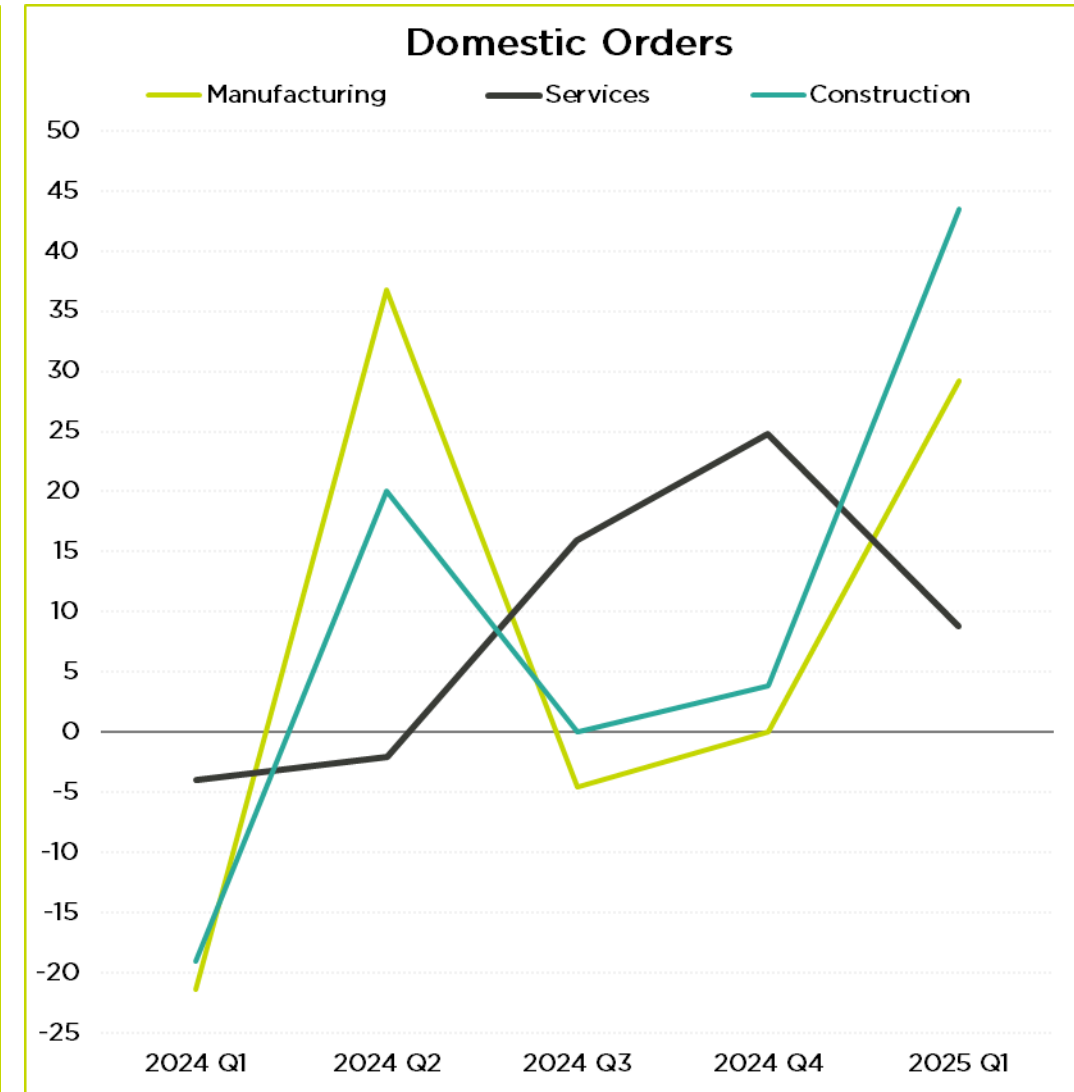
- GM Index in Q1 2025: **18.5** down from **27.0**
- Particular weakening in international and labour demand
- 0.5% growth Feb 2025, 0.6% in 3 months to Feb 2025
- CPI 2.6% 12m to March 2025, 0.3% in March

Source: GMCC QES, ONS GDP Quarter on Quarter growth: CVM SA %

Domestic Demand: sectoral

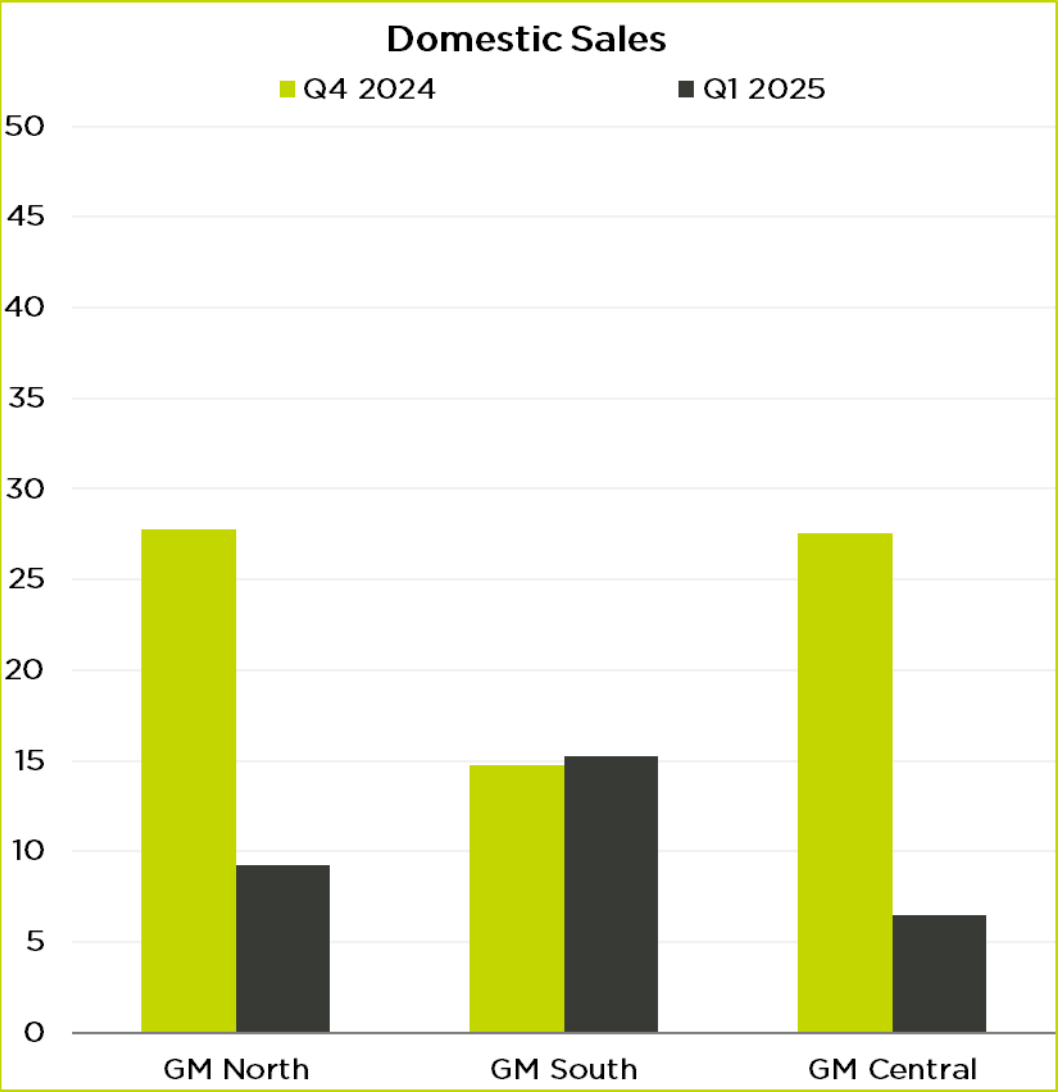


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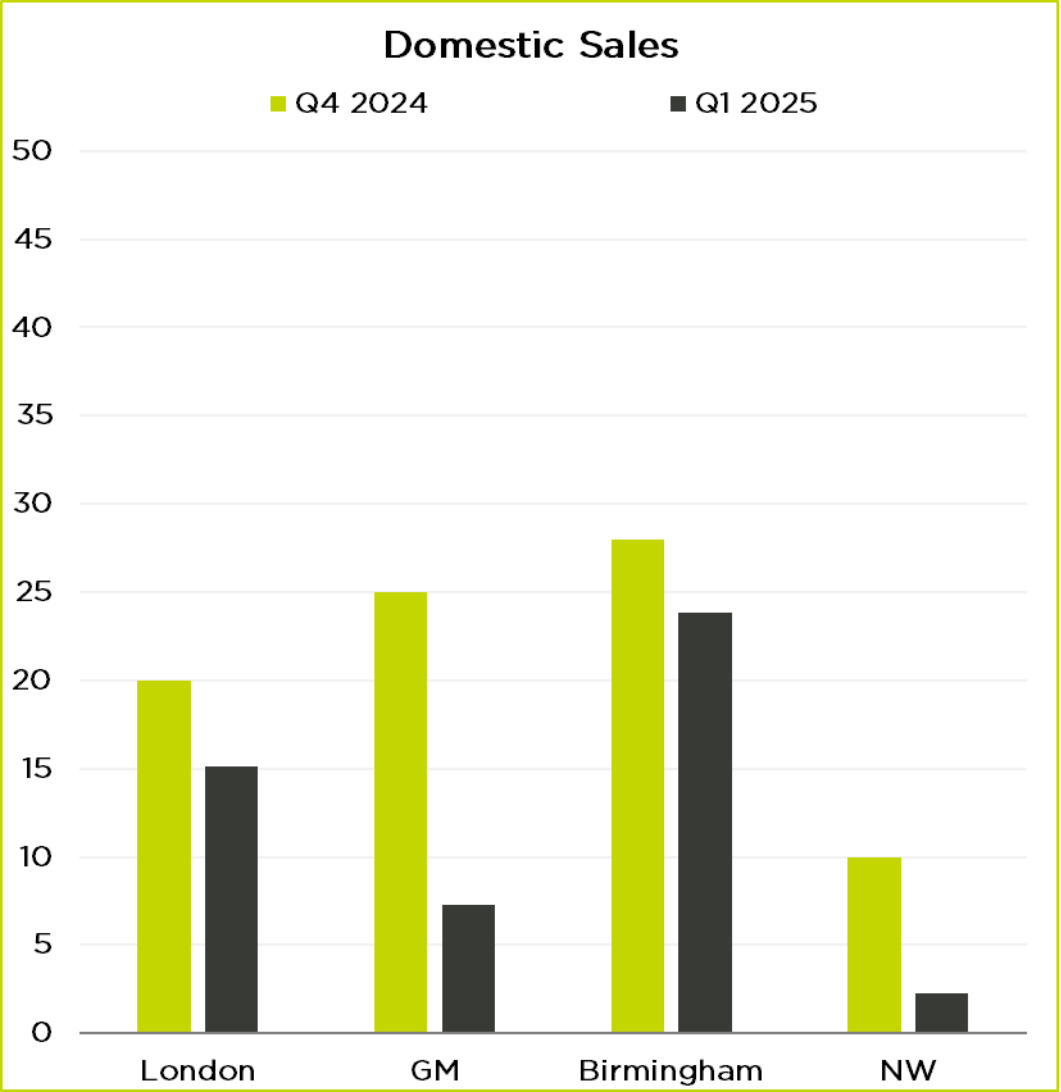


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Domestic Demand: sub-regional and regional

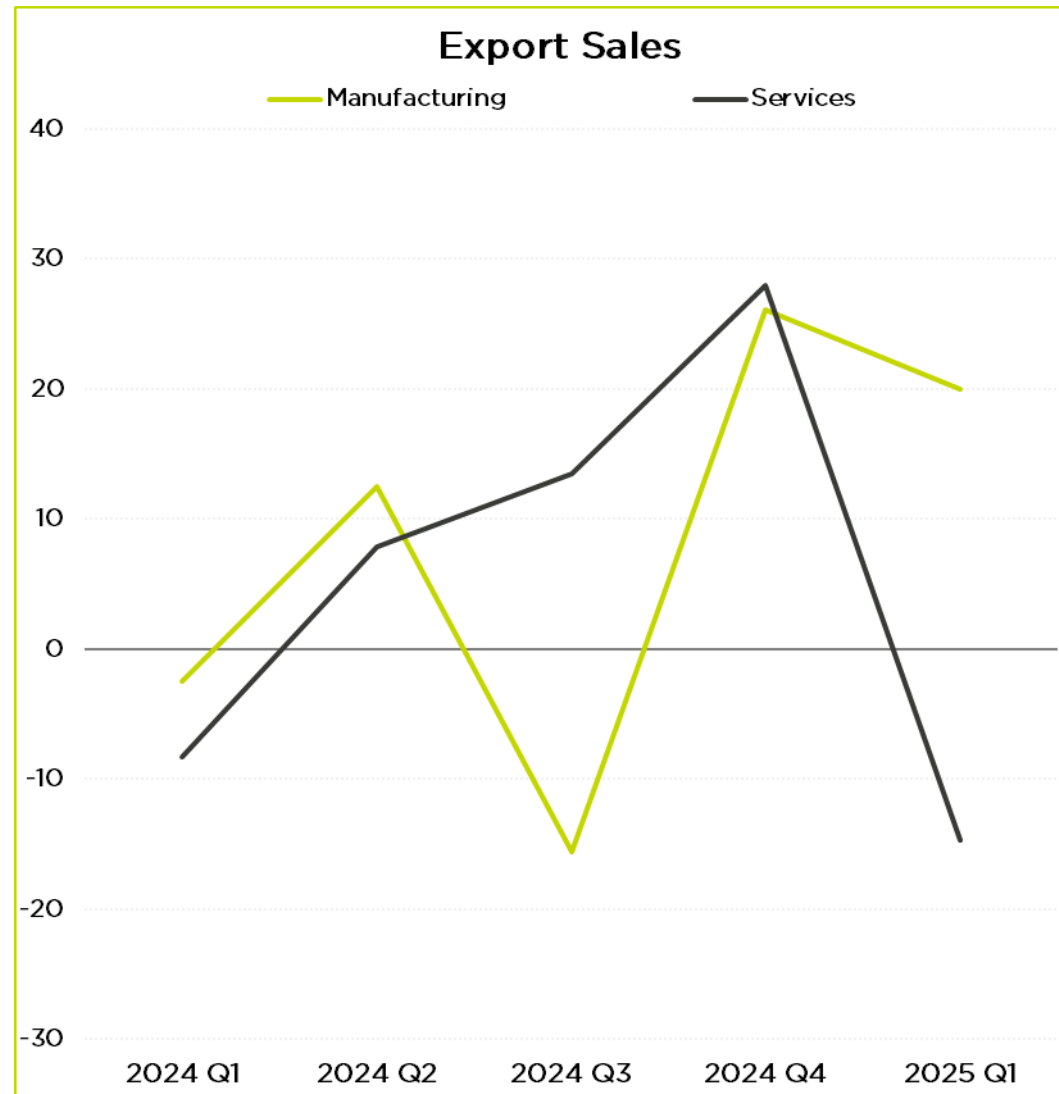


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Export demand: sectoral



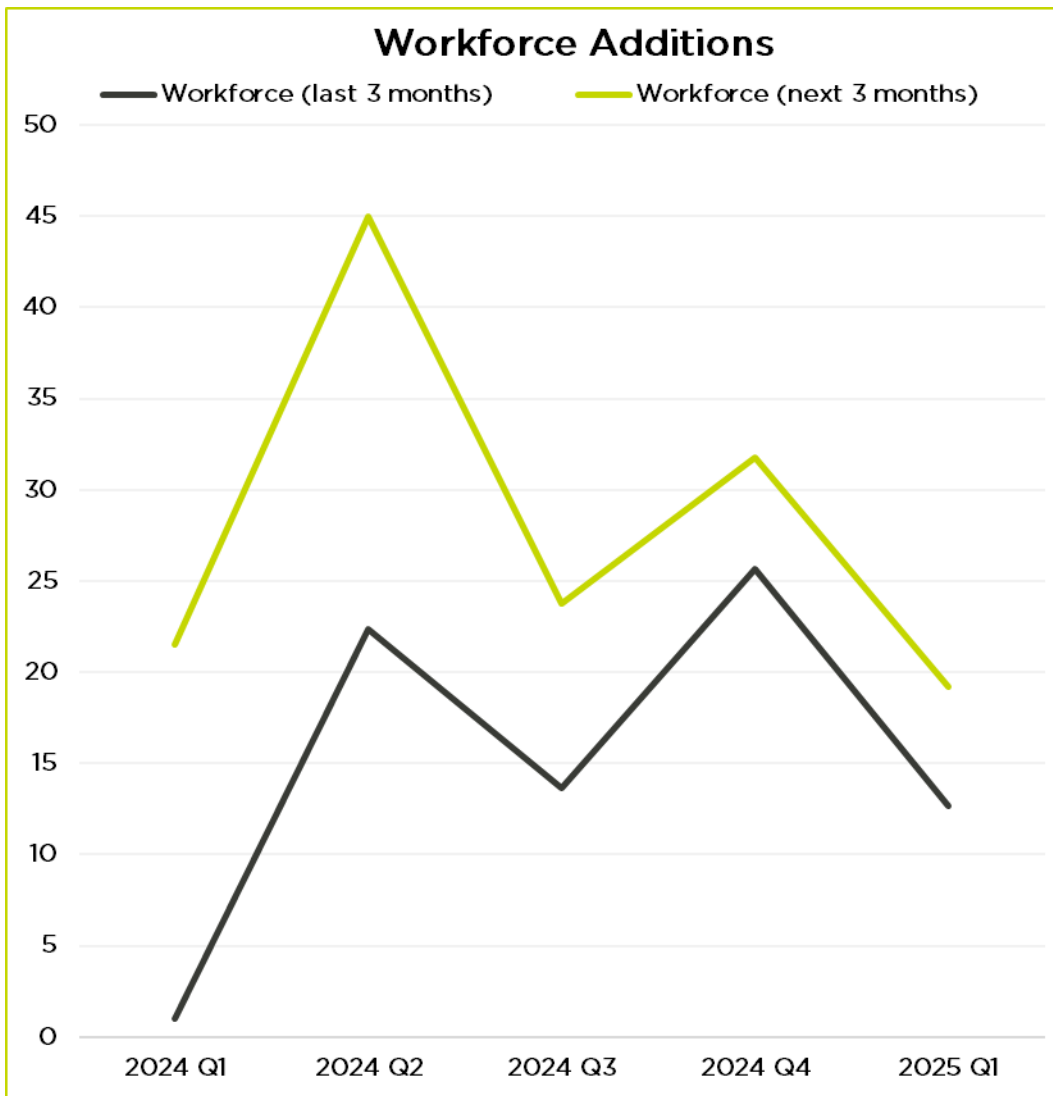
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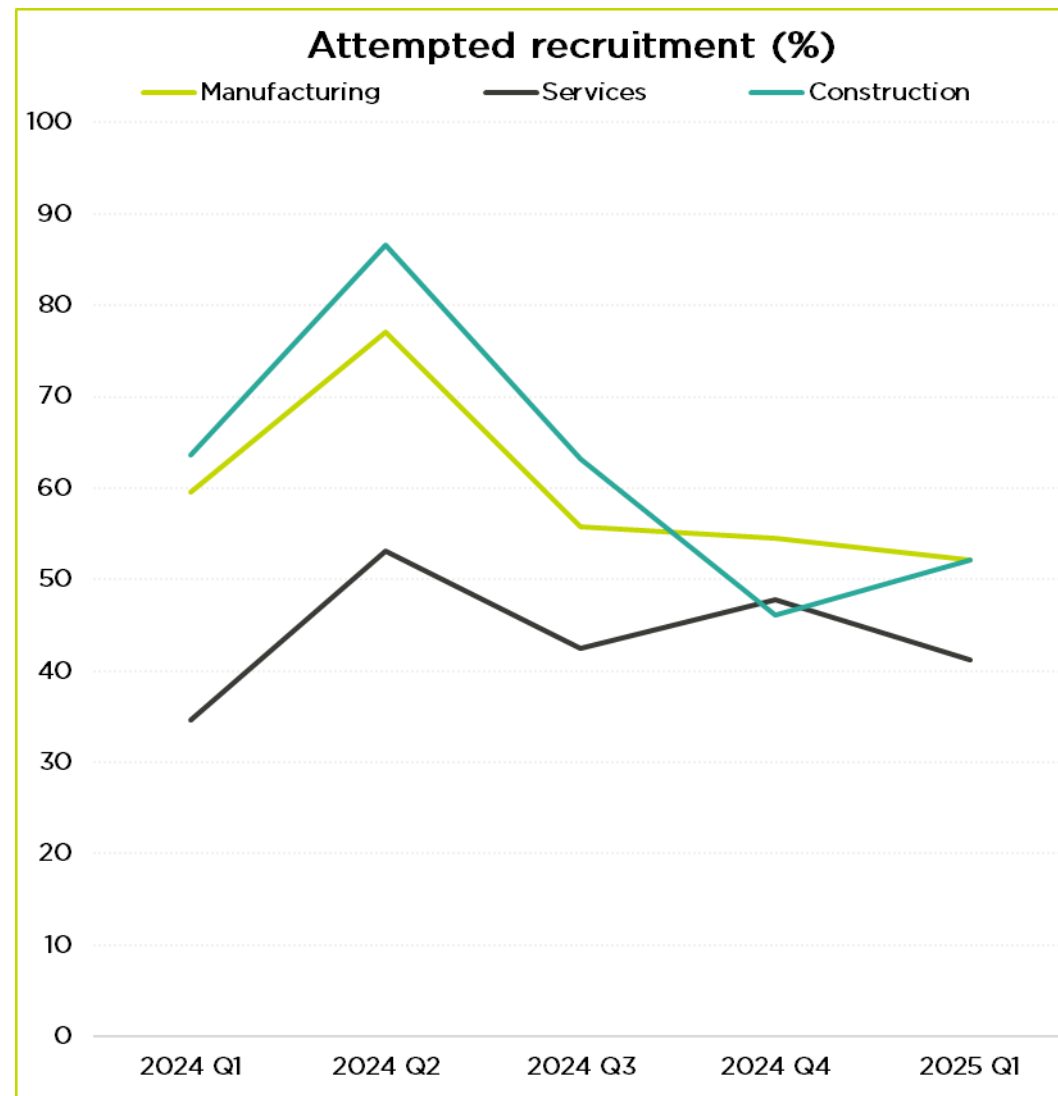
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Recruitment



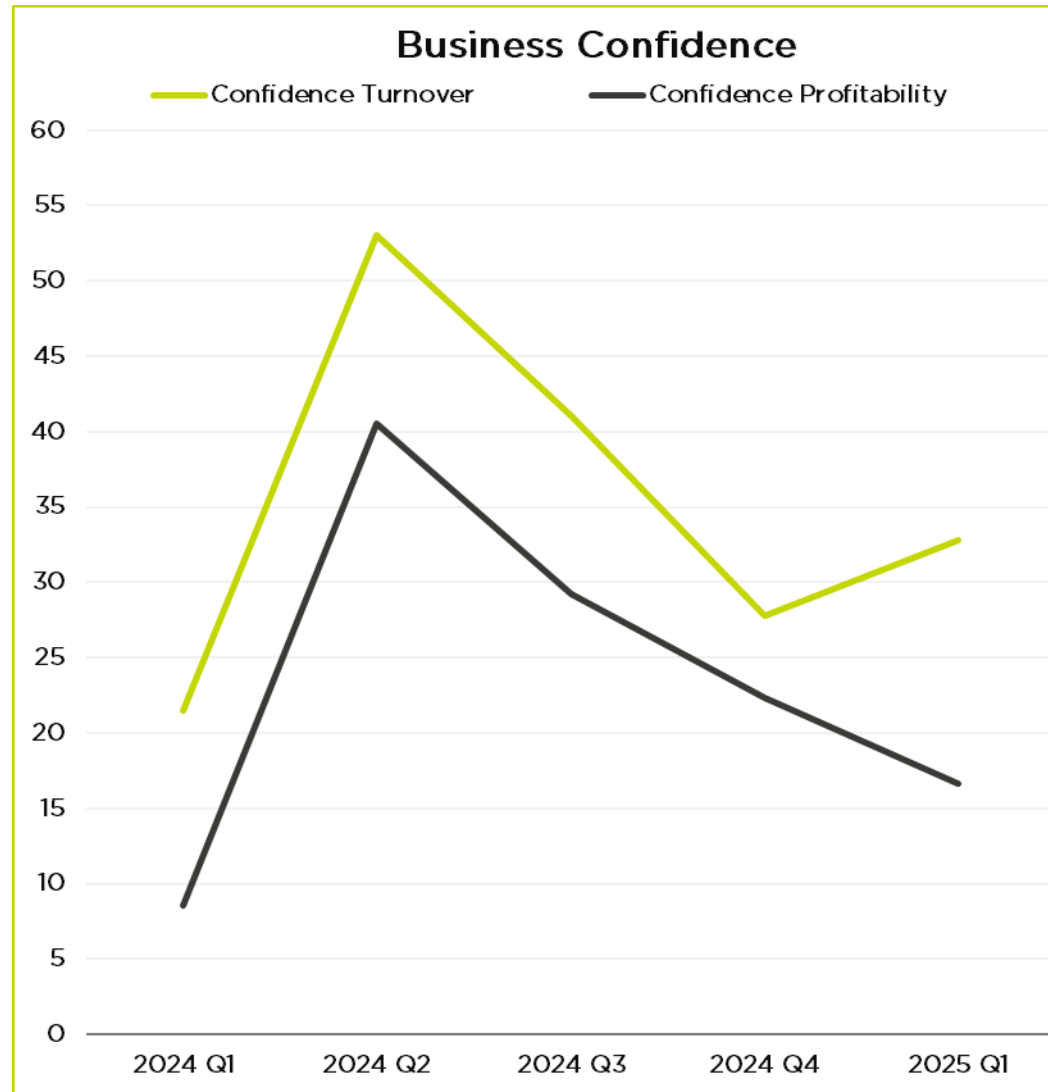
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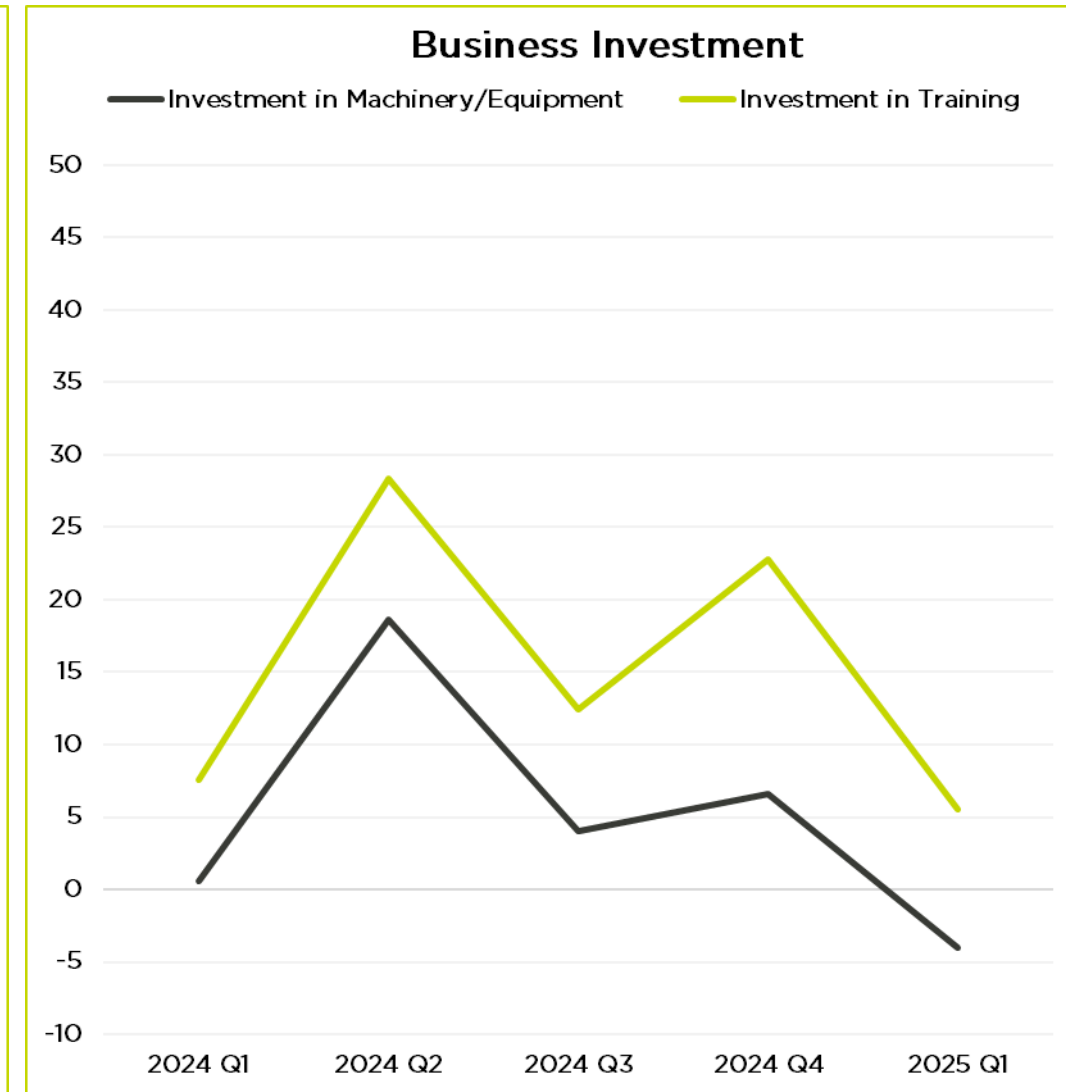
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Business Confidence & Investment Prospects

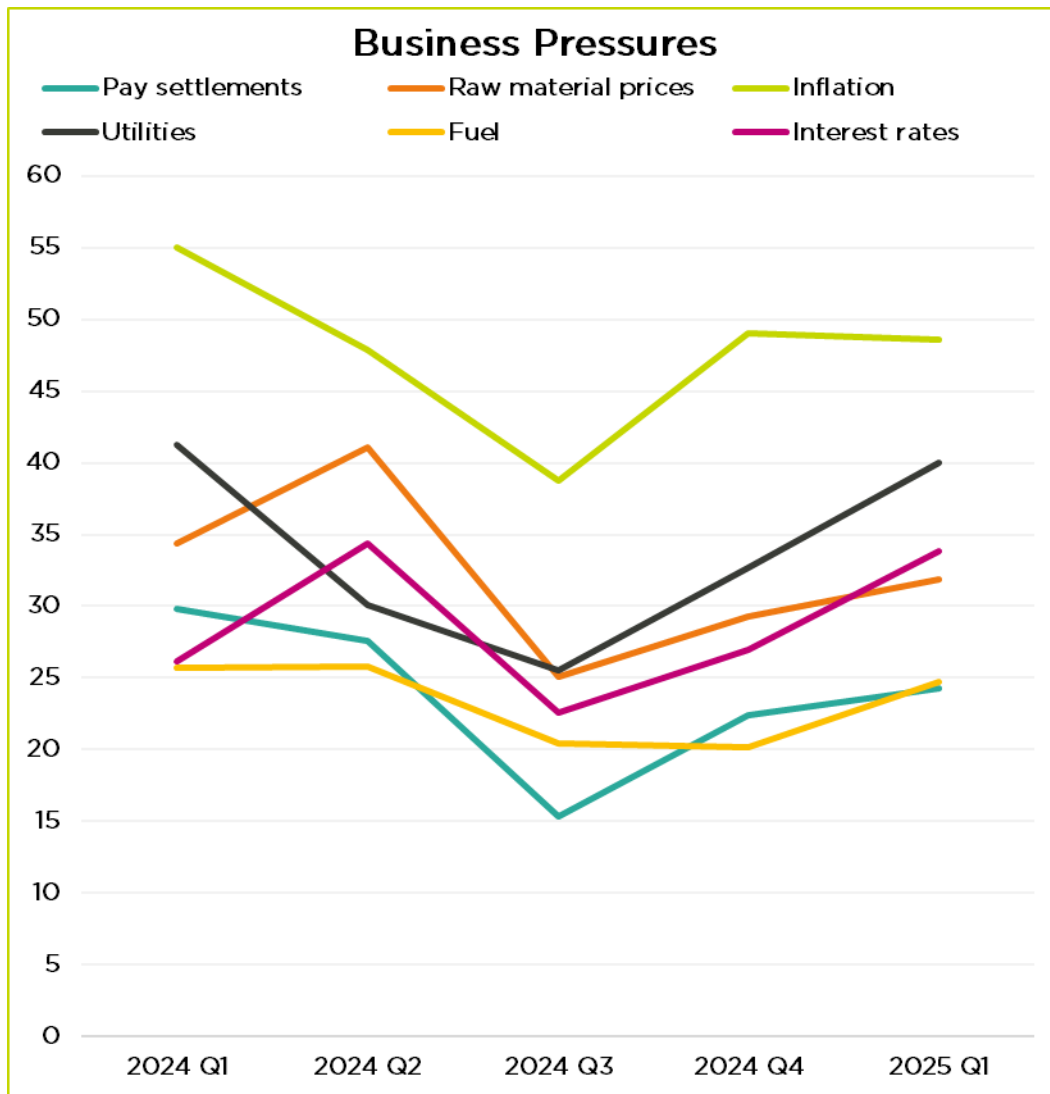


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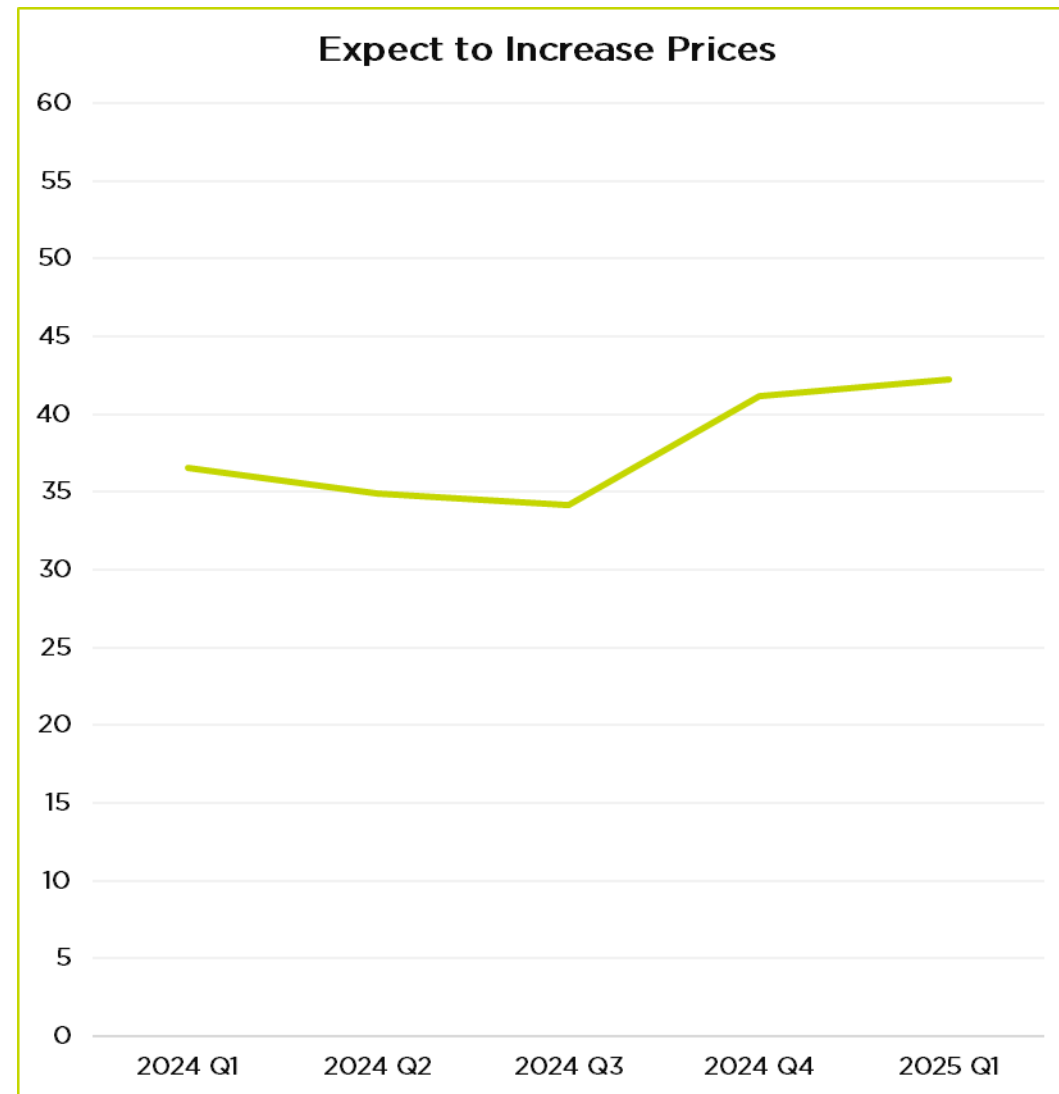


Source: GMCC QES

Business Pressures & Prices Increases



Source: GMCC QES



Source: GMCC QES

Business concerns – Q1 2025

- “The changes to NI are likely to be very difficult to absorb and will definitely hold back expansion.”
- “NI increase will add £110K to our pay bill this year alone.”
- “ERS NIC increases will affect next year. Probably cause inflation. We will increase prices to pass to end customer rather than reduce salaries.”
- “Feels like every time there's some positivity, something happens in the macroeconomic environment to counter it. Frustrating, as it feels like the demand is there, but not the confidence to act on it.”
- “Business confidence seems to have collapsed.”
- “Complete unknown with world events so volatile and UK government unsure of itself.”
- “The effect of Brexit has increased our shipping costs dramatically and internal labour costs.”
- “Tier one banks are unable to support when filing accounts showing weak profits. Everyone goes through cycles.”

Source: GMCC QES



#GMEconomics



Summary & GDP Forecast

Business confidence has dipped following the rise in employer NIC announced in the Autumn Budget. Wage inflation is likely with upcoming increases in NLW / NMW putting further pressure on headline inflation.

Inflation is stubborn and expected to remain higher than the target 2%.

Consumer confidence has shown a slight improvement since the end of 2024

Interest rates are going to go down slowly: the BoE is still cautious even though rates cut to 4.25%

Spring Statement

Measure	Details	Impact
Welfare Cuts and Reforms	50% cut to Universal Credit health element for new claimants (then frozen); standard allowance rises from £92/week (2025/26) to £106/week (2029/30).	Saves £4.8 billion by 2029/30 and allows the government to invest
Defence Spending Increase	£2.2 billion extra for 2025/26; 10% of equipment budget for innovative tech (e.g., drones, AI); £400 million protected innovation budget.	Extra £2.2 billion in 2025/26, rising to 2.5% of GDP from 2026/27
Tax Avoidance Crackdown	New measures to increase tax fraud charges by 20% annually; targets £7.5 billion total revenue by 2029/30.	£1 billion extra in 2025/26.
Fiscal Adjustments	Fiscal rules met two years early; spending growth cut from 1.3% to 1.2% above inflation; deficit to surplus by 2029/30.	£14 billion fiscal headroom restored.
Growth and Planning Reforms	Planning reforms to boost GDP by 0.2% (£6.8 billion) by 2029/30; supports 1.5 million homes and projects like Heathrow's third runway.	0.4% GDP boost over a decade.
Household Income Boost	Real household disposable income to grow faster; households £500 better off annually by decade's end.	Help consumer spending
Civil Service reform and public spending cuts	Day-to-day spending growth cut from 1.3% to 1.2% above inflation, potential 5% efficiency savings across departments and potential real-terms cuts of estimated 7% in non-protected departments.	10,000 civil jobs potentially cut by 2029/30.

- Apart from the announcements on house building and defence spending, there weren't major growth orientated measures.
- No long-term vision yet, especially for regional growth
- Net zero ambition scaled down



Policy Update

Integrated Settlement goes live in GM

Start of new Employers NIC rates

Industrial Strategy – second round of consultations – due for launch in June

Comprehensive Spending Review – June 2025

Local Growth Plans, Get GM Working

Skills England

LSIP local area reports/Annual Progress Report



.....and then you go and spoil it all by starting something stupid like a trade war.....



What are Tariffs?

- Tax imposed by one country on goods or services imported from another country.
- How does it work?
 - Country A imposes a 10% tariff on goods from Country B
 - Pre tariff cost \$1000 – post tariff cost \$1100 – taken in ‘tax’ by Country A
 - So who pays the ‘extra’ \$100? – importer/customer?
 - At no point does Country B pay anything to Country A





Why now?

- Part of Donald Trump's Manifesto, some evidence from his previous time in office but for his second term the gloves are off.
- Sees Tariffs as a way to 'reshore' manufacturing and high value goods in the US – especially automotive and semiconductors. Make the cost of imported goods so high consumers will look for other (domestic) sources.
- Feb. 1, 2025, 25% tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico and 10% on imports from China.
- Negotiations held with Canada and Mexico and tariffs paused.
- Trade deficit.





Timeline so far.....

- 12 March – 25% import duties on UK and global steel, aluminium and derivative products entering the US.
- 2 April – reciprocal tariffs announced – ‘Liberation Day’
- 3 April – 25% additional import duties on UK and global automotive vehicles entering the US. This is on top of previous duties of 2.5%, making duties on cars payable at new rate of 27.5%.
- 5 April – 10% additional import duties on affected products took effect (global baseline rate)
- 9 April – US reciprocal tariffs on 50 countries above 10% global baseline came into effect but were suspended on the same day for 90 days for non-retaliating countries. For China, the increase in tariffs was raised to 145%.





Timeline so far

- 10 April – China 125% retaliatory tariffs on all US goods imports due to come into effect.
- 22 April – tariffs on Solar Panels made in SE Asia
- 30 April – US Ukraine Minerals deal – rare earths
- 3 May – 25% duties to apply to automotive parts imported for use in US-made vehicles
- 8 May – US UK Tariff/Trade Agreement confirmed – zero tariff on steel/aluminium (25%), 10% tariff on 100,000 cars (27.5%), digital services, food, pharma, is the 10% fixed and export security ??
- 11 May – tariffs reduced by 115% on US - China goods – now at 30% and 10% - pause for 90 days
- 8th July – end of pause on higher tariffs on other global markets





Impact

- Stock markets, dollar weakens, oil process drop, concerns about the strength of the US\$ - some recovery but this is volatile
- A complete upending of established global trade
- Product dumping – 15% fleet diversions from US (Trade Remedies Authority)
- US has to mobilise its workforce, infrastructure and economy to step into any gaps created by tariffs so domestic production can start.
- Costs will increase



GM Chamber Economic Update

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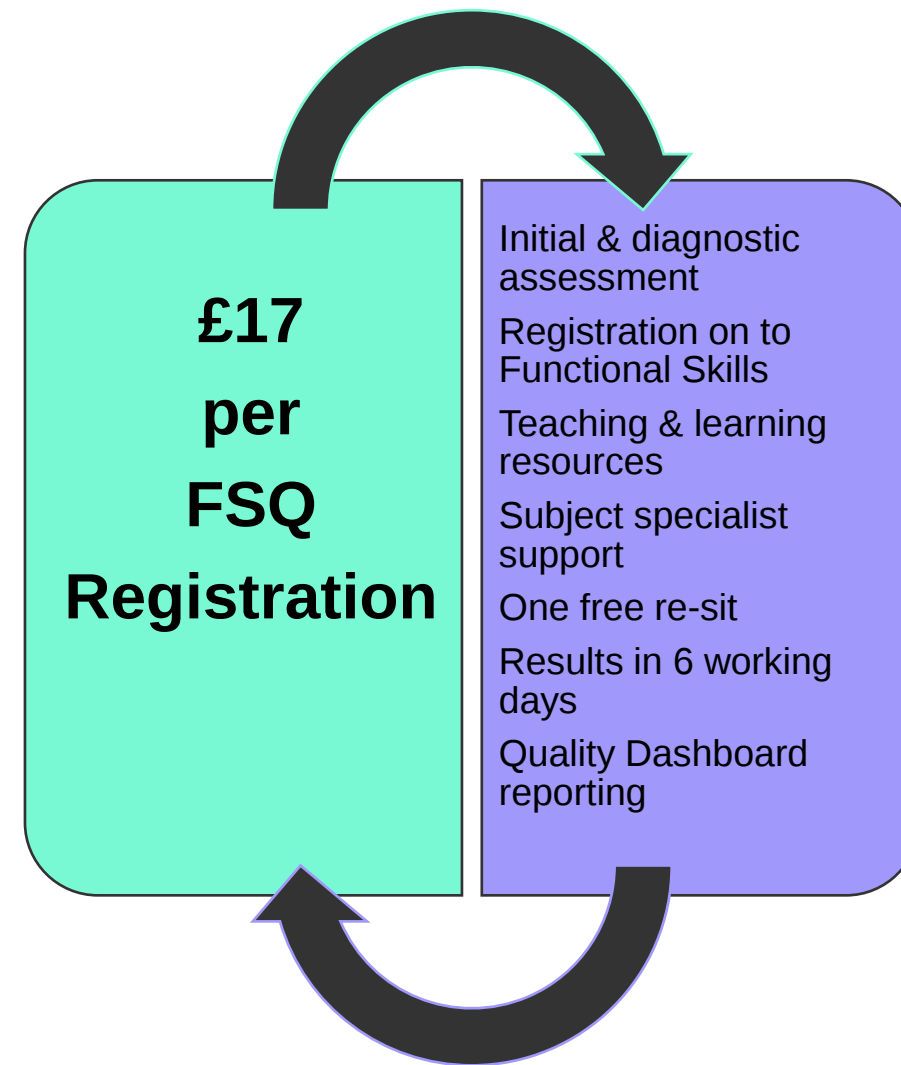
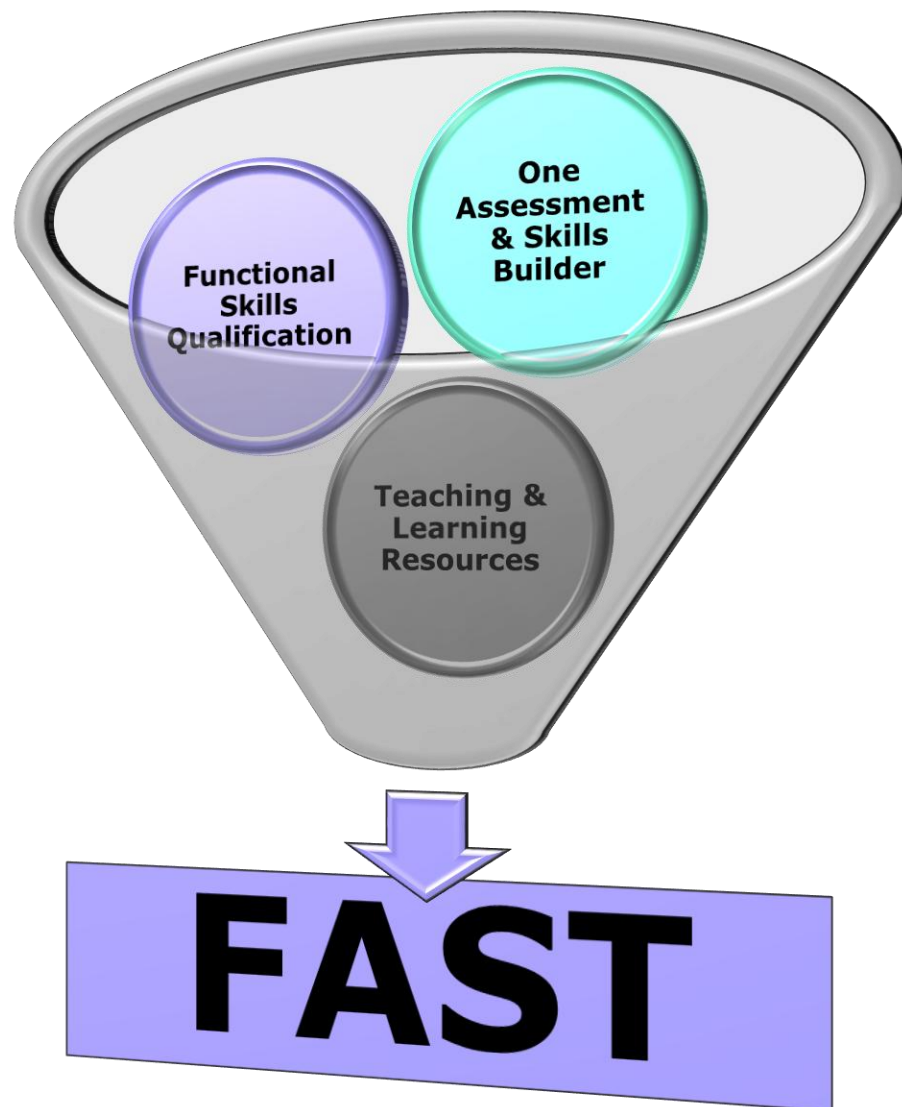
FAST – Member Offer

Claire Bridger

Commercial Manager | NCFE



FAST (Functional Assessment & Skills Together)



- Initial/Diagnostic Assessment
- English & maths in a single assessment
- Overall time taken on average is 30mins
- GCSE & FS outcomes

One Assessment

- Individual Skills Plan
- Independent Learning Resources for GCSE & FSQ
- Distance Travelled assessment
- Quality Dashboard - Ofsted level reporting analysis
- 24/7 access online

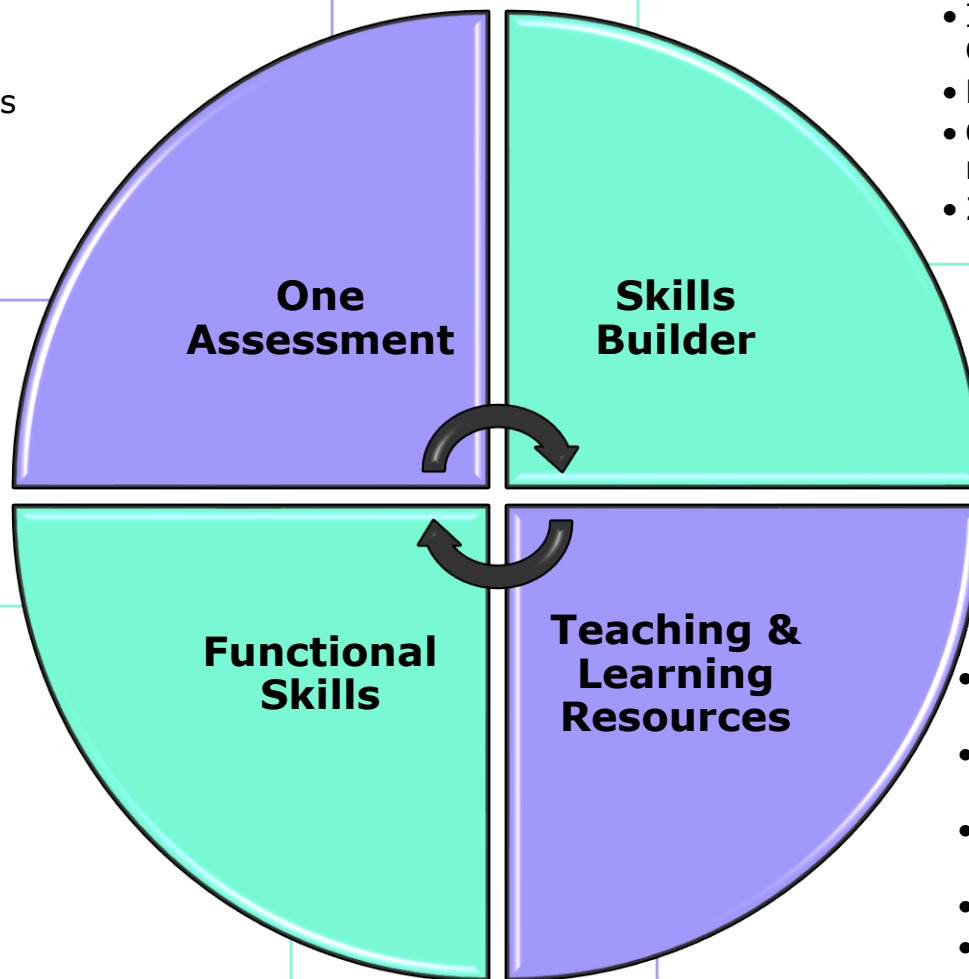
Skills Builder

- Results in 6 working days
- On demand online & paper-based assessments
- One free re-sit for each assessment
- Paper-based & online sample assessments
- Paper-based & online learner feedback reports

Functional Skills

Teaching & Learning Resources

- Complete suite of teaching resources from EL1 to L2
- Suitable for face to face, remote & independent learning
- Workbooks to prepare learners for final assessment
- Standardise teaching across centre
- Free Provider Development support



NCFE Skills Builder Content

Combined:

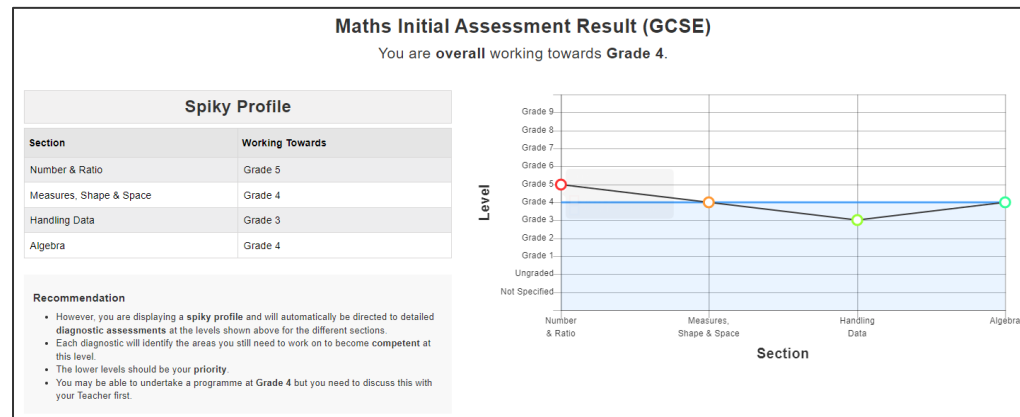
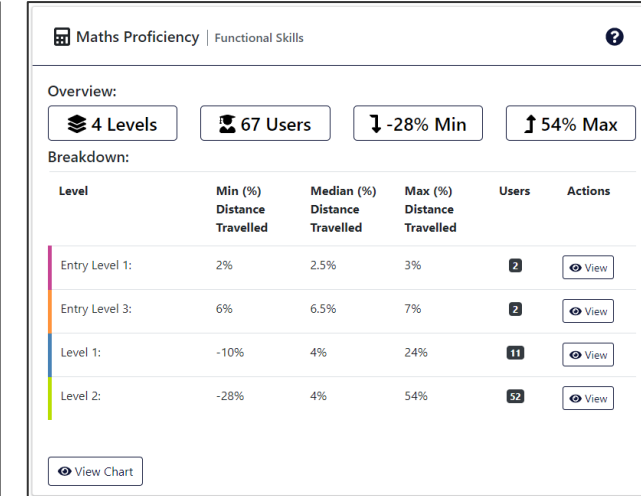
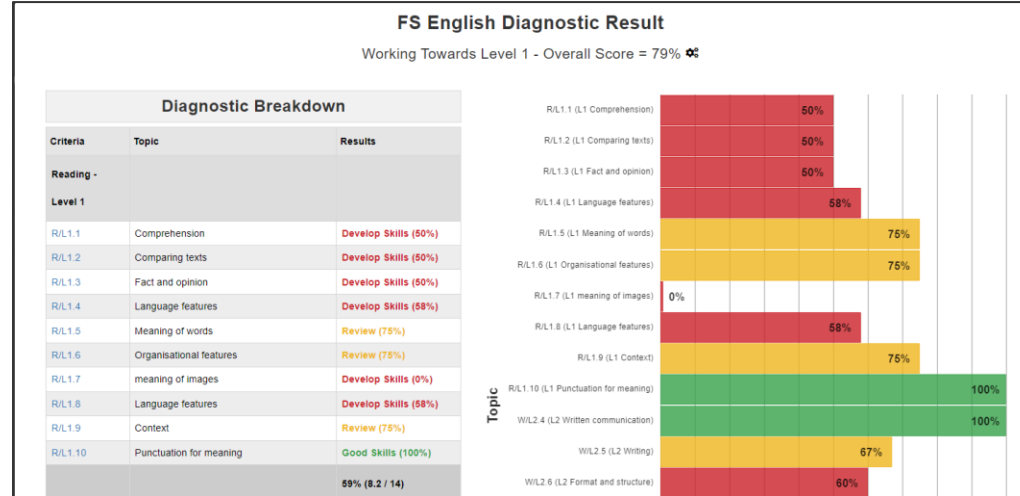
- One Assessment – Single English & Maths assessment (FS) + (FS and GCSE)

English:

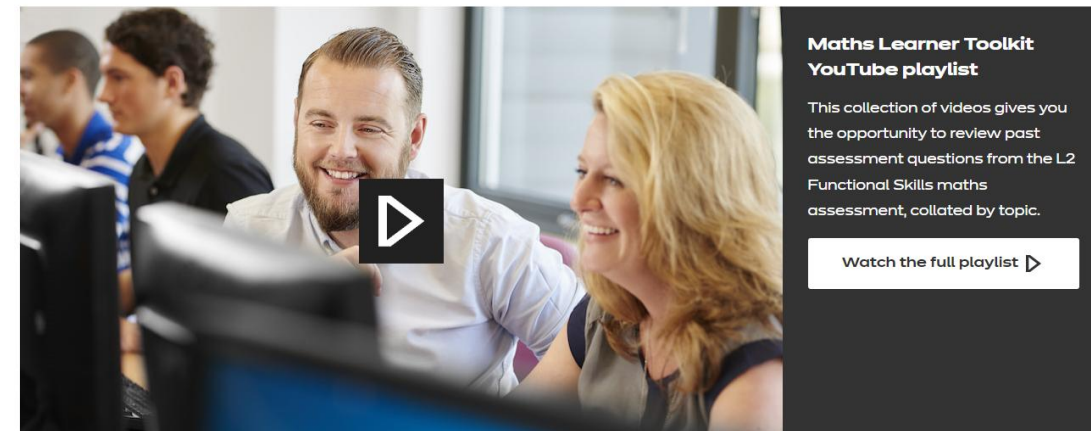
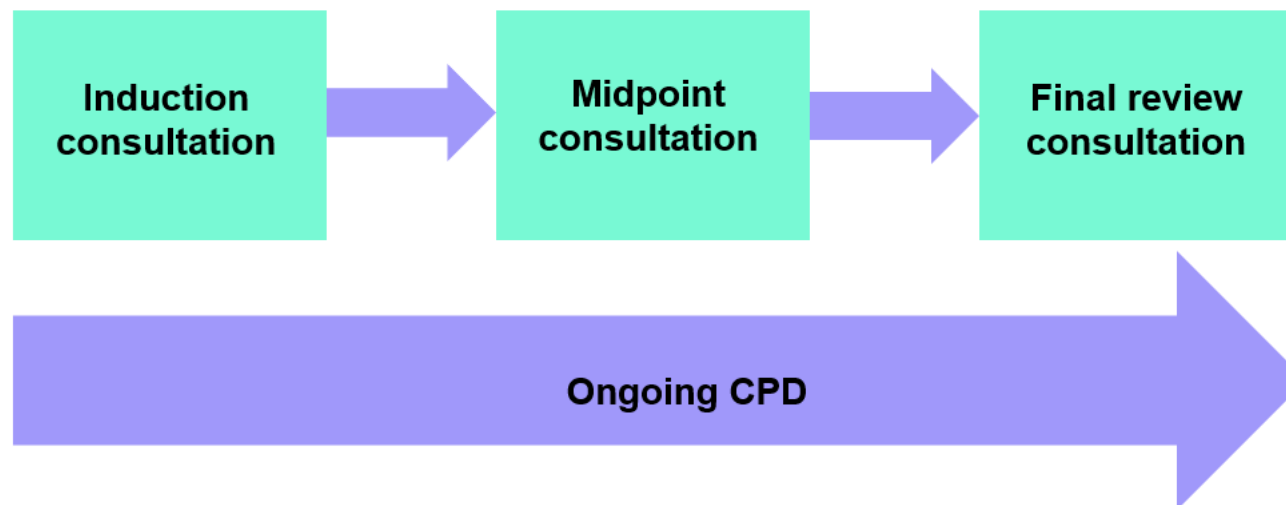
- English Assessment (FS)
- English Resources (FS)
- FAST FS English Teaching Resources
- English Assessments (GCSE)
- English Resources (GCSE)

Maths:

- Maths Assessment (FS)
- Maths Resources (FS)
- FAST FS Maths Teaching Resources
- Maths Assessments (GCSE)
- Maths Resources (GCSE)



NCFE Curriculum Support



Maths Learner Toolkit YouTube playlist

This collection of videos gives you the opportunity to review past assessment questions from the L2 Functional Skills maths assessment, collated by topic.

[Watch the full playlist ▶](#)

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

Maths CPD: Formative assessment strategies for maths

3:30 PM - 05:00 PM

Online

This CPD session includes strategies that can be used in the learning environment to help with formative assessment, tracking and recording learner progress. This includes feedback and feed forward strategies.

[Register now](#)

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

Contextualising English/Linking to vocational

3:30 PM - 04:30 PM

Online

Exploring how the teaching of English can be linked to vocational areas. Across business links.

[Register now](#)

Levels 1 and 2 past questions collated by topic

Support materials

Assessment materials

Additional Materials

Unit breakdown

Teaching Materials

Adaptations

Chief Examiner Report (Onscreen) - October 2019	More info	Download
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NCFE L2 FS Maths (603/5060/X)
Learner Checklist
Perimeter and Area

Perimeter and Area	Never	Rarely	Often	Always	Score
I can calculate the area of a triangle and parallelogram.					
I can find the area and perimeter of shapes that are made up of rectangles and triangles.					
I can calculate the circumference of a circle.					
I can calculate the area of a circle.					
I can calculate the area and perimeter of part circles (semi-circles and quarter circles).					
I can use $\pi = 3.14$.					
I can calculate the area and perimeter of shapes that are made up of rectangles, triangles and part circles (semi-circles and quarter circles).					
I can calculate the surface area of cubes and cuboids.					

NCFE Teaching Resources

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Functional Skills

L2.3_N

Evaluate expressions and make substitutions in given formulae in words and symbols

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NCFE Functional Skills Qualification in English

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Getting ready to take Level 2 Writing

Learner Workbook

Name	
Tutor	

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Definite and indefinite articles

The man

An ice lolly

A horse

Article

Noun

Article

Noun

Article

Noun

Use a/an for one thing and countable nouns:

this is a

this is a

Or to identify:

It's an orange

These are known as **indefinite articles**. Do not use a or an if there is more than one object.

Definite articles use the word 'the' and are used when the audience needs no further identification of the noun.

the

the

the

Activity 1

Fill in the following table by adding either a or an.

An	apple
	grape
	dog
	egg
	rose

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Level 2 Maths L2.23,24,25H

3. A gardener buys 10 packs of seed from two different shops. Each pack contains 20 seeds and he records the number of plants that grow from each pack.

Shop A	20	5	20	20	20	6	20	20	20	8
Shop B	17	18	15	16	18	18	17	15	17	18

(a) Find the mean, median and mode for each shop's seeds.
(b) Which shop does the mode suggest is best?
(c) Which shop does the mean suggest is best?

4. Matt sells laptops. The table shows how many he sold per day over 25 days.

No. Sold per Day	Frequency
0	2
1	6
2	6
3	2
4	8
5	1

(a) Calculate the mean, median and mode for this data.
(b) Which of these measures gives the better impression of his sales figures?

5. The table below shows how many nights people spend at a campsite.

Number of nights	1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25
Frequency	20	26	32	5	2

Estimate the mean number of nights stayed.

Check your answers on the next page.

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SLC Standardisation

These materials have been prepared in advance of an on-demand standardisation webinar for Functional Skills SLC component of English. The training materials consists of:

- Assessment Materials
- LOsAR
- On-Demand Webinar
- Task 1 Video Recording - [Click Here](#)
- Task 2 Audio Recording - [Click Here](#)

We would advise that you print the Assessment Materials and LOsAR in advance of the webinar. The Assessment Materials and LOsAR can be found below in this document, and the video can be accessed using the following link:

[Click Here](#)

Assessment Materials

Double Click the document to access

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LOsAR

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Level 1 Functional Skills in English: Speaking, Listening and Communicating

Sample Assessment Activity

Note: If a centre becomes aware of an exceptional circumstance where an assessment cannot be recorded, they must contact their EQA to discuss this in advance of the assessment and record the details on the Assessment Tracking Document. Exceptional circumstances include:

- Learners with vulnerabilities
- Learners with special needs
- Learners in prison

Entry Level 3 Standardisation

These materials have been prepared in advance of an on-demand standardisation webinar for Functional Skills Entry Level 3 Mathematics.

The training materials consists of:

- Learner Response Sheet
- Mark Scheme
- On-Demand Webinar

We would advise that you either mark the Learner Response Sheet using the Mark Scheme in advance of the video, or alternatively use the pause points' within the document, and the video can be accessed using the following link:

[Click Here](#)

Learner Response Sheet

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Mark Scheme

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Each GMLPN member will have access to registering learners on to NCFE's Functional Skills English & Maths which in turn will give them unlimited access to initial/diagnostic assessment for ANY learner within their provision

- Utilise all your Functional Skills provision from across the centre

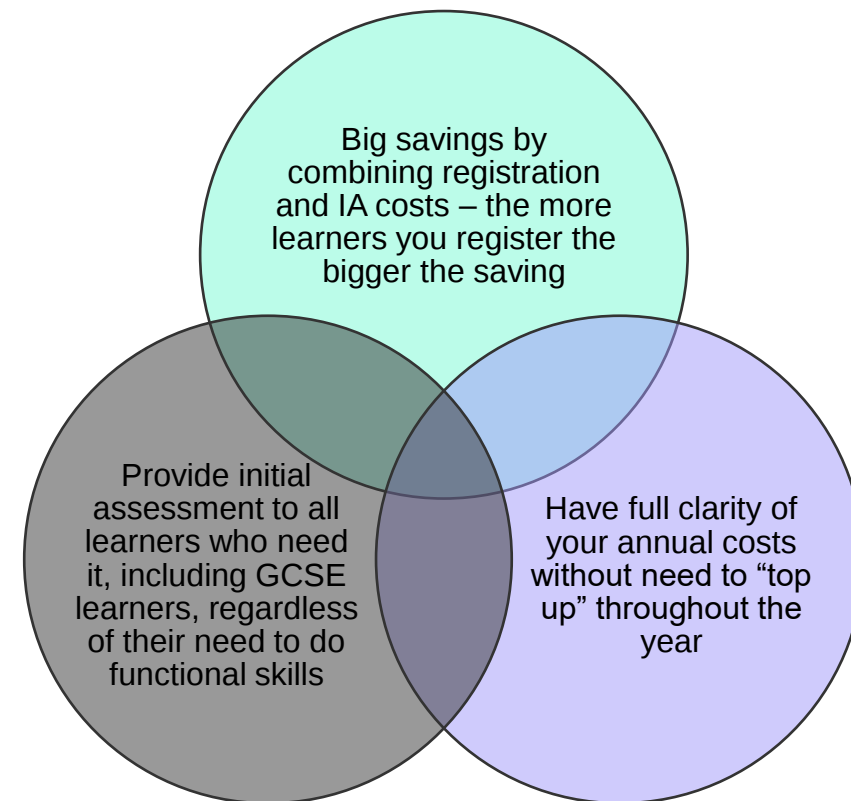
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Registrations

- A learner who is registered on to English & maths is classed as 2 registrations

- A licence equals one learner who has access to all resources for English & maths

Licence

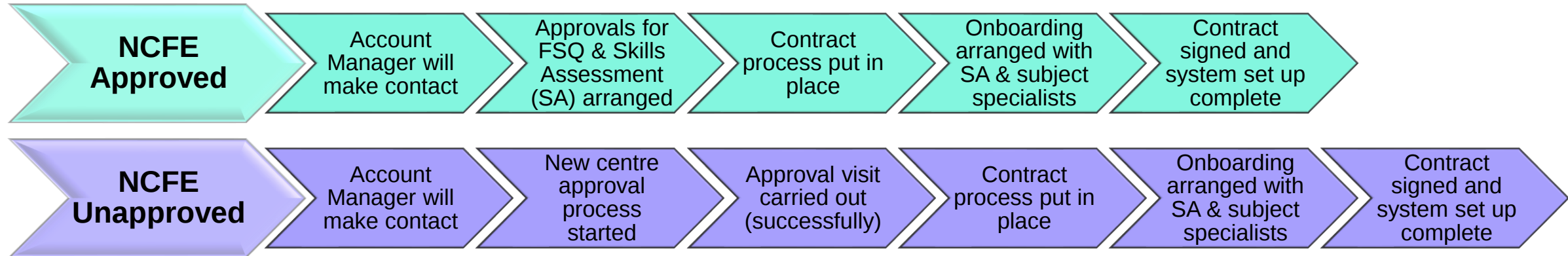


GMLPN/NCFE Network Members
FAST offer



Expression of interest -
<https://forms.office.com/e/Rzw8ikrEku>

Next steps



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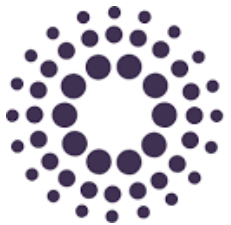
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Updated Careers Guidance

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Service Lead, Education & Guidance Services |
Positive Steps



POSITIVE STEPS

SUPPORT | CHALLENGE | CHANGE



GMLPN Update



Updates

- ASK Programme – funding ending 31st July 2025

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

The ASK programme offers a range of free and engaging activities, workshops and resources, which include:

Students

The following workshops are available:

- Apprenticeship and T Levels awareness assemblies
- Register on Find an Apprenticeship
- Search & apply for apprenticeships
- Mock assessment centres
- Interview techniques
- Careers fairs
- 'Career starter' apprenticeships

Teachers and careers advisers

An online learning & development programme is available (see below).

Face-to-face activities can also be arranged where required with your delivery partner, which include:

- Awareness presentations
- Teacher CPD/inset day support
- How to search and apply for apprenticeships

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are encouraged to join the online programme. Additionally, face-to-face activities may also be requested:

- Apprenticeship and T Levels awareness
- How to search and apply for apprenticeships
- Attendance at parents' evenings or parent/carer events e.g. information evenings

Your feedback!



Updates

- Ofsted
- RI providers who are due for their inspection will be inspected by 31/8/25 – this may not encompass all RI providers, their next full inspection may be under the new framework depending on when they were inspected, had their RI monitoring visit and when their next inspection is due.
- Ofsted continue with RIMV and NPMVs in September and October. Again, depending when the provider RI report was published will depend when they get their RIMV.
- Reminder: to complete the survey re. inspection dates.
 - There has been a high number of deferral requests and moving forward Ofsted will be clamping down on deferrals unless exceptional circumstances
 - Reminder that dates can be changed, even after the form has been submitted.
 - Dates can be changes by e-mail (charles.ojukwu@ofsted.gov.uk)

Updates

- Get GM Working Plan

Emerging themes from engagement to date include:

- The important role of **employers in providing good work and growing the economy to meet the scale of the challenge.**
- The need to **simplify support for residents** and ensure that it is delivered in a **person-centred way and enhances equalities** - which chimes with our Live Well approach.
- **Maximising opportunities presented through devolution to work differently for GM.**
- The important role of the **health system** due to health being a defining factor for many individuals who are not currently in work.
- Recognition of the opportunities to be created linked to **growth sectors and investment zones.**
- **Need for clear and targeted actions to address inequalities.**

A survey has been created to capture insights from our partners and stakeholders. It will close on Friday 30th May.

<https://www.gmconsult.org/work-and-skills/a410154b>

Northern Skills Network

[Understanding the Changing Adult Social Care Sector Tickets, Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

- Save the date
 - **FE Recruitment and Workforce Roundtable**
 - Online, 2nd June, 10-11.30
 - DfE FE Teacher Recruitment Team
 - **Online Careers Conference**
 - Online, 13th November, AM



UNDERSTANDING THE CHANGING ADULT SOCIAL CARE SECTOR

Challenges and Opportunities for Training Providers

Wednesday 4th June 2025 | 2pm-4pm | Microsoft Teams

This interactive webinar delivered by Skills for Care and the Northern Skills Network will explore the changes happening in the social care sector and how this will impact on the skills and learning needs of the workforce.

During this online webinar we will:

- Share data on the size and structure of the social care workforce in our region
- Share information on the current governments policy and reform agenda and how it impacts on the skill needs of the sector
- Share information about the national Workforce Strategy for Social Care and how this is driving the conversation about skills
- Explore opportunities for learning providers to engage with and develop their offer to the social care sector

About Skills for Care - Skills for Care is funded by the Department of Health and Social Care to support the adult social care sector to develop and sustain the workforce it needs to meet current and future demand. We work with providers and stakeholders across the region to achieve this. Visit [Home - Skills for Care](#) to find out more about our work.

Book Today >>



GMLPN Exchanges

- April
 - Safeguarding Exchange
 - Claire Little, NW Prevent Coordinator, DfE
 - Andrew Briercliffe, Online Safety Specialist
- May
 - FE Recruitment and Workforce
 - Andrew King, DfE FE Teacher Recruitment Team
- Coming up
 - Quality Exchange – 22nd May
 - Careers and Enterprise Company
 - Safeguarding Exchange – 26th June
 - Agenda TBC

GMLPN Exchanges

Chairs

Quality:

- Emma Lowe-Hewitt | Quality Manager | Rochdale Training

Safeguarding

- Anthony Turner | Post-16 Lead | Manchester City Council

If you are interested in the chair vacancy for the below groups, please get in touch with Charlotte:

- FE Recruitment and Workforce
- SEND
- Mental Health & Wellbeing

● SAVE THE DATE

Tackling the NEET Challenge **Across GM**

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20th May 2025



9AM-3.30PM



Mantra Learning,
Middleton, M24 1RU



[Tackling The NEET Challenge
Across GM Tickets, Tue, May 20,
2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

GMLPN Network Meeting

18th June 2025

- Bolton Stadium
- Agenda Includes
 - Ruth Stammers | Ofsted
 - Claire Little, NW Prevent Coordinator | DfE
 - GMCA
 - More to be confirmed!



[GMLPN Network Meeting Tickets,
Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM |
Eventbrite](#)

GM Skills Awards 2025



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THE AWARDS

- Apprentice of the Year (Level 2-3)
- Apprentice of the Year (Level 4, 5, 6, 7)
- 16-19 Learner of the Year
- Adult Learner of the Year
- Shining Star of the Year
- Unsung Hero of the Year
- Team of the Year
- SME of the Year
- Large Employer of the Year
- Community Initiative of the Year
- Outstanding Innovation of the Year
- Partnership Project of the Year

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Welcome New Members



Key Dates

May

- 20th May | **Tackling the NEET Challenge across GM** | Mantra Learning | 9.00am-3.30pm
- 22nd May | **Quality Professional Exchange** | Online | 10.30am-12pm

June

- 18th June | **GMLPN Network Meeting** | Toughsheet Community Stadium | 9.00am-2pm
- 24th June | **Strengthen your FE Recruitment Process**, in partnership with Coyne Recruitment | Online | 10am-11am
- 26th June | **Safeguarding Professional Exchange** | Online | 10.00am-12pm

July

- 3rd July | **GM Skills Awards Evening 2025** | The Manchester Monastery | PM
- 17th July | **FE Recruitment & Workforce Professional Exchange** | Online | 10.30am-12pm

Key Dates

September

- 17th September | **GMLPN Network Meeting** | Venue TBC | 9am-2pm
- 25th September | **Quality Professional Exchange** | Online | 10.30am-12pm

October

- 2nd October | **Mental Health & Wellbeing Professional Exchange** | Online | 10.30am-12pm
- 22nd October | **Online Member KIT** | Online | 9.30am-11.30am
- 23rd October | **SEND Professional Exchange** | Online | 10.30am-12pm

November

- 6th November | **FE Recruitment & Workforce Professional Exchange** | Online | 10.30am-12pm
- 20th November | **Safeguarding Professional Exchange** | Online | 10.00-12pm

December

- 3rd December | **GMLPN Network Meeting** | Venue TBC | 9am-2pm

UNESCO: City of Lifelong Learning

Simon Joos | Work and Skills Specialist
Manchester City Council



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Manchester: A UNESCO City of Lifelong Learning



Manchester, internationally recognised...

Surpassed our ambition to become the '**best UK city for adult education and skills**' by 2025 (Manchester Adult Education and Skills Strategy).



Manchester: A UNESCO City of Lifelong Learning

Using our Mancunian spirit, we collectively went further... we became internationally recognised!

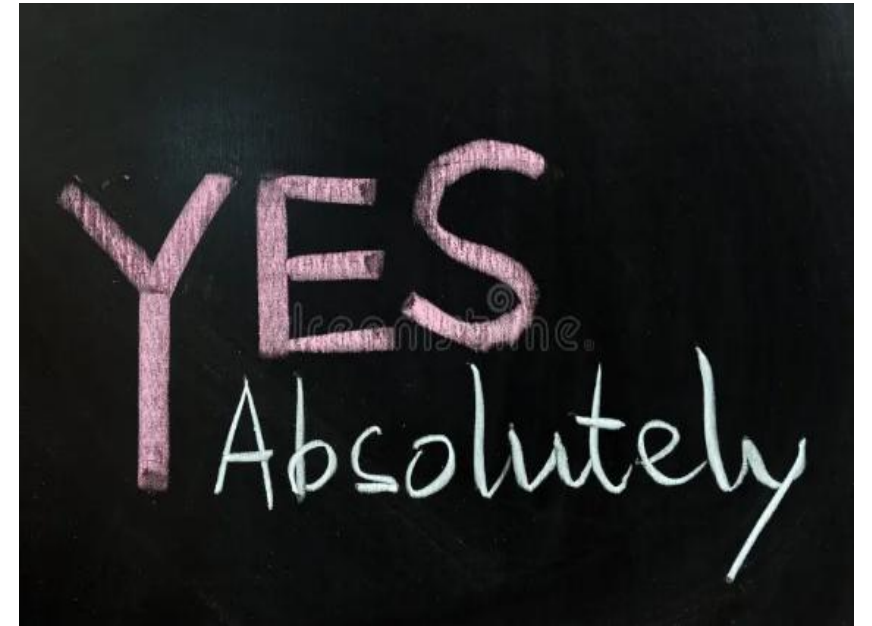
Recap – What is Lifelong learning?

Putting learning and skills at the heart of resident and employee life, from learning for pleasure, through to higher education and everything in-between.

The UNESCO status – Is it worth celebrating?

The benefits are only limited by our vision and commitment...

- Share best practice and problem solve, with cities from around the world, to enhance our world class learning landscape.
- Add weight to the city's inward investment agenda, align with employer needs and tackle productivity challenges.
- Establish a shared vision for the Manchester learning eco-system.
- Maximise our local learning assets, simplifying access for people and business, to drive inclusive growth.



Partners... there's too many to display



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Achievements in numbers... a tips of the iceberg!

- **Career education parity:** 15 providers pilot the CEIAG 19+ project.
- **Digital skills shortages:** Launch of 1 Digital Skills Framework.
- **Professional development:** 2,000+ attend CPD activity.
- **Marketing:** Lifelong learning marketing campaigns have reached over 20,000 homes.
- **Recruitment drives:** Skills plans for 34 of the city's biggest recruitment drives.
- **Recruitment drives:** 30 expressions of interest for Manchester College ringfenced PlanBee jobs.
- **Capacity:** 2 successful funding bids, via community partners, worth over £80,000.
- **Curriculum planning:** Supported over 75 training providers.
- **Community empowerment:** Voluntary led learning programme upskills 149 community leaders.
- **Cross-authority working:** 1 Orthodox Jewish Community eruv... Joint commission, 3 local authorities.
- **Events:** Over 14,000 people attend learning themed events.
- **Digital Inclusion Centres:** 48 grassroot organisations are seed-funded.

Sector specific - Net zero and green skills

Green Mission Brief: Led by the Civic University Board, **setting missions for 65+ university students** who presented solutions to environmental challenges.

Sustainability Starts: Presenting as best practice, for **embedding 'green skills' into the local curriculum**, to training providers across the north of England.

Green CEIAG Event: Professional development training for **85+ curriculum influencers, careers staff, employers and policy leads**.



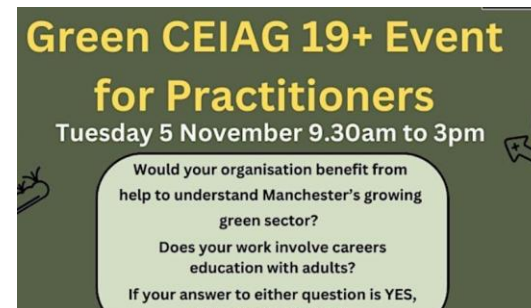
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Collaboration: Manchester is leading the way!

We're best practice domestically and internationally! Just a few examples of the platforms...

- Co-lead for the launch of the UK UNESCO Network of Lifelong Learning.
- Showcasing Making Manchester Fairer and Lifelong Learning activity, as international best practice, at the OECD Local Skills Week.
- Representing Manchester at the Education for Sustainable development for 2030 Global Network.
- Collaboration with cities worldwide, from Cork to Nanjing.
- Panel discussion at JISCs Digital Transformation Series, with UK universities, focusing on the power, and integration, of Lifelong Learning.



What is the benefit to GMLPN?



- **Branding:** Endorse the lifelong learning brand as a local accreditation of excellence.
- **Policy scrutiny:** Identify key activity and responses, not limited to Skills England, the 3% cut to adult skills funding and single settlement devolution delays.
- **Dissemination:** Agree to disseminate key priorities and asks, to best utilise the expertise and capacity across the Manchester Adult Skills and UNESCO networks.
- **UNESCO integration:** Review internal opportunities to connect, collaborate, embed and enhance Manchester's lifelong learning agenda.

Coming up

- **UNESCO UK:** SJ and UoM are leading Manchester's involvement. Asked for other cities to pilot Manchester frameworks.
- **Community assets:** Setting up working groups for Wythenshawe and Heaton parks, to become learning sites and a culture trail.
- **Festival of Libraries:** Negotiated LL integration and a joint celebration on 5th June.
- **RISE:** Contract finalised and awaiting signature from MMU.
- **Net zero:** Launch a foundation carbon literacy e-learning package, with City and Guild and a fund for students to progress Green Mission recommendations.
- **ESOL Toolkit:** Model designed and scheduled to be launched and piloted with work clubs.
- **Best practice:** Coordinate an e-brochure of LL best practice, for local and UNESCO circulation (problem, solution, result/impact, scalability).
- **Knowledge exchange:** Negotiated a series of knowledge exchange sessions, co-designed with GMLPN (for all stakeholders).
- **Community events:** A series of learning events, across the city of Manchester, to connect with, prospective, unengaged learners.
- **Network:** Launch the Manchester LL Network, re LL strategy and programme coordination. MAS continues to operate as a knowledge exchange, project delivery and networking collaboration.

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