

## **National Centre for Computing Education**

### **ITT for Computing Hubs**

**Points of Clarification; 21st January 2019**

#### ***What are the benefits to becoming a National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE) Computing Hub?***

The role of a Computing Hub offers schools and colleges a highly prestigious opportunity. There are many benefits to becoming a NCCE Computing Hub, offering the opportunity to:

- Play a leading role in the advancement of computing education across England.
- Play a leading role in the development of a school-led system of leadership of education in England.
- Raise the profile, status and reputation of your school/college and that of other schools and colleges locally and nationally.
- Support local schools and colleges with staff retention and recruitment
- Support the wider efforts of schools and colleges to build their capability and capacity.

#### ***What funding is available to our schools/college if we are successful in becoming a NCCE Computing Hub?***

##### **First tranche – Computing Hub funding**

##### **Computing Hub funding (for the period May to September 2019)**

The first tranche of 10 Computing Hubs will be able to access **core funding of up to £20,000** for the period May to September 2019. Computing Hubs in this first tranche will be required to allocate staff time (of the order of 2-3 days per week) to support with the early mobilisation efforts of the National Centre for Computing Education.

##### **Second tranche - Computing Hub funding (for the period September 2019 to July 2022)**

All 40 Computing Hubs will receive funding for the period September 2019 to July 2022 as follows:

##### **1. Core funding allocation: Fixed cost/ Infrastructure Payment**

For the period of the contract, all Computing Hubs (both High Capacity and High Performance) will receive a core funding allocation of approximately **£65,000 - £75,000 per annum** to provide the following capacity: Administrator for 2 days/week;

Secondary Lead role for 3 days/week and a Primary Lead role for 2 days/ week.  
**Across the period of the contract this equates to approx. £190,000 to £218,000<sup>1</sup>.**

For the 10 High Capacity Hubs they will receive an additional core funding allocation of approximately **£115,000 – £125,000 per annum<sup>2</sup>** to cover the costs of up to 2 full time roles– a CS Accelerator Champion and a Lead Computing Subject Matter Expert (SME). Given the nature of the work involved the role of the Lead Computing Subject Matter Expert, this post may be filled by more than 1 individual covering this role on a part-time, secondment basis. Both posts will cover a wider geographical area, supporting the work of other Hubs in their locality. <sup>3</sup>

Computing Hubs might wish to consider the secondment of staff from other partner schools and local networks to meet the staffing requirements of the Hub role.

Computing Hubs will be required to invoice STEM Learning directly, monthly in arrears for costs incurred in line with the contractual budget allocation.

In addition, the NCCE will provide centralised support for administration and marketing/communications.

The administration of all bursary payments to participants will be undertaken by STEM Learning, on behalf of the NCCE.

## 2. Variable Performance Payment

Computing Hubs will be able to recover costs associated with the delivery of CPD, payable termly on achievement of the KPIs specified in the Hub Delivery Plan, or as agreed in writing with STEM Learning. Funding is available to cover the costs to delivery CPD in line with the Hub Delivery Plan, which will include costs such as CPD facilitator/presenters costs and expenses, room hire/accommodation, course refreshments etc. The variable performance payment will be **in the range of £60,000 - £110,000 per annum<sup>4</sup>** based upon volume of CPD delivered.

## 3. Regional engagement activity

Local and regional recruitment activity will be detailed within the Computing Hub Recruitment Plan, for which each Computing Hub will be allocated **up to £22,000 per annum<sup>5</sup>**. This funding will support events, local activities to raise awareness of the National Centre for computing education regionally, whilst promoting its range of support and CPD. CAS Communities of Practice will work closely with Computing Hubs to coordinate these efforts to ensure effective reach and engagement across primary, secondary and post 16 education.

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<sup>1</sup> Final figure will be subject to contract negotiations

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<sup>3</sup> The NCCE will support Computing Hubs to recruit to, and build the required team to fulfil the role of the High Capacity Hub, utilising their networks of contacts and partnerships.

<sup>4</sup> Final figure will be subject to contract negotiations

<sup>5</sup> Final figure will be subject to contract negotiations