



LMI bulletin 9

National News

- **Apprenticeship starts up on previous year**

HR reports that apprenticeship start numbers have increased over 2018/19 to 225,800 compared to 206,100 the previous year. Apprenticeships for 25+ have also increased by 34%. Numbers however, are still lower than before the levy was introduced
- **ELCs return to High Street**

Mothercare's Early Learning Centres which closed last year are to be relaunched on the High Streets having been bought by the retailer The Entertainer
- **Free Educational Psychologist training**

For anyone interested in a career as an Educational Psychologist there is good news with the Department of Education's announcement to provide free training for over 600 Education Psychologist trainees for children. There will be three new training rounds from 2020.
- **Demand for Professionals increases by 24%**

According to new research by data publisher Vacancysoft the demand for professionals increased by 24% in the year 2017/18. The data highlights the top growth industries as Technology, Media and Telecoms rising by 24%, followed by Financial Services. Barclays Bank had the most roles (3,902) followed by HSBC (3497). There was a 28% rise in the demand for IT.
- **Women entrepreneurs – Nat West Funding Opportunity**

Nat West have teamed up with Crowdfunder to help women who want to start their own business get started. They will provide coaching, mentoring and networking opportunities as well as up to 50% of the fundraising target (max. £5,000) in grant funding for some projects. UK residents with new UK projects may apply
- **Nursing Apprenticeships**

In December last year the House of Commons Education Committee published a report on its investigations into why so few nursing degree apprenticeships had been created since they were announced at the end of 2016. There were a total of 300 nursing apprenticeship degree starts in 2017/18 and 310 in the first quarter of 2018/19. Alongside this, the committee noted the fall in the number of applicants to nursing degrees – down by 17,000 since 2016 – a probably consequence of the end of the nursing bursary. The [Government's response](#) to the report was published in early March and acknowledges that apprenticeships are not intended to replace the three-year degree route.



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➤ **Enterprise Expansion**

Enterprise Rent a Car is set to become one of the UK's largest commercial vehicle rental companies in a buy-out of a business with 16 locations across the UK.

➤ **Starbucks offer to pay degree tuition fees for their staff**

Starbucks Coffee chain is offering to pay tuition fees for their UK staff who want to gain a degree from a US university. 100 places are initially available as a pilot scheme and this may increase depending on demand. The courses will be taught online via Arizona State University

➤ **Club Med recruitment campaign**

Club Med is recruiting for the summer season and is currently seeking 700 new employees to work in Europe, Africa and the Middle East

Local News

• **Worthing Leisure Scheme approved.**

Adur and Worthing Council have given the go-ahead for a new leisure complex on the Worthing seafront, to include a restaurant and a retail unit.

• **Brighton and Hove 20 Year Strategy**

A report in the Argus states there are 15,840 businesses in Brighton and Hove and that business grew by 20% between 2012 and 2017. The new strategy for the next 20 years will focus on a low carbon economy and there are plans to build on the strength of sectors which are strong in the region such as the digital, 'green technology' sector, life sciences, higher education and tourism.

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