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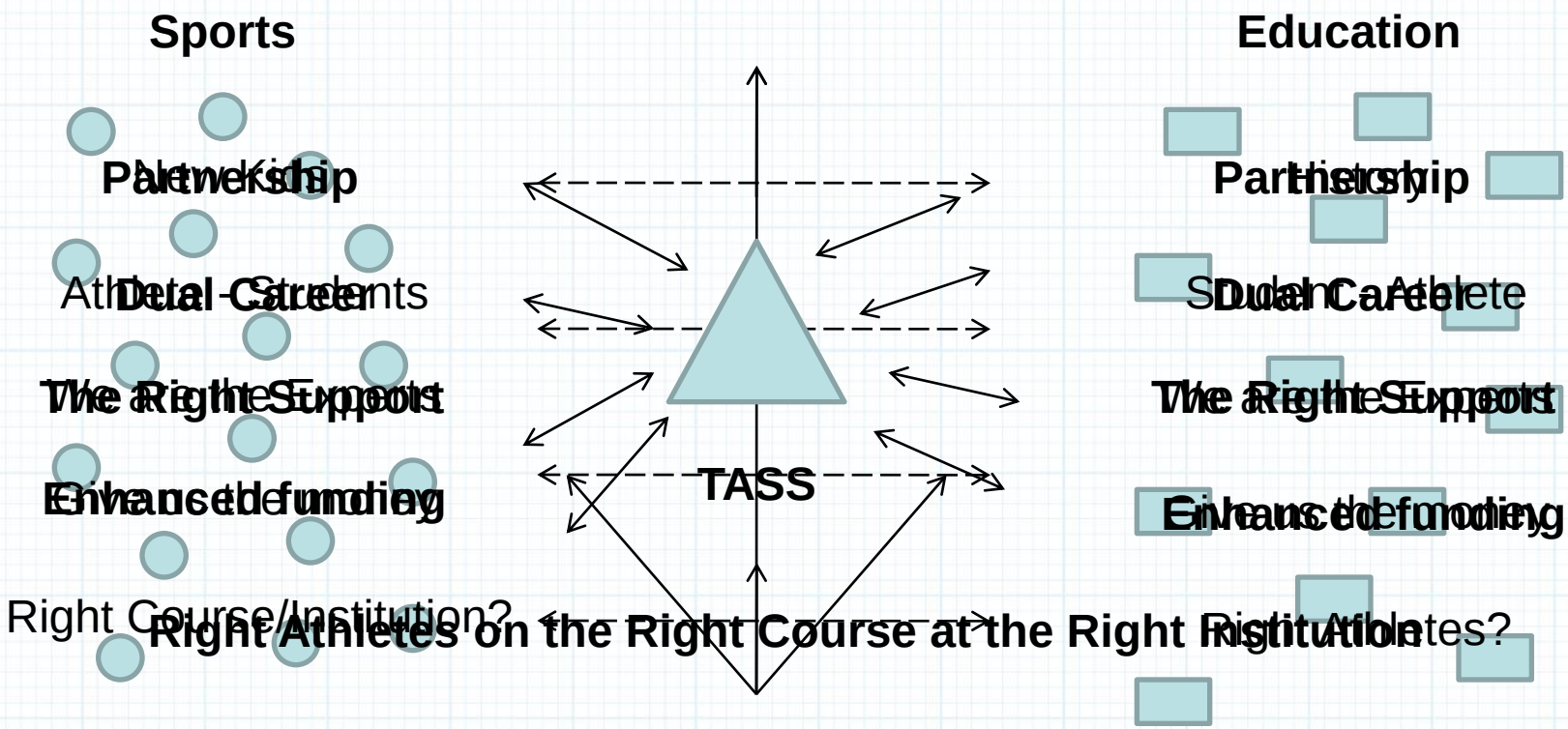
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'A world class further and higher education based talent development programme for sportsmen and women.'

A Brief History and Key Facts of TASS

- Project go ahead late 2003
- First Awards Sept 2004 (6/7 Full Operational years)
- So far £27 million invested. 3 key sources – Government Depts, Commercial & Income
- Management Board (Institutions, Sports, SportsAid)
- Provided over 6000 Awards to athletes
- Over 700 Professional Training/Qualification opportunities for service providers
- Currently operate across 76 Educational Institutions and 56 Sports/Disciplines
- Beijing Olympic/Paralympics – 19 Gold Medals from TASS or TASS Alumni Athlete
- Delhi Commonwealth Games – 55 Medallists/85 Medals (TASS or TASS Alumni)

Why - TASS?


Sports
Education
Partnership
Partnership
Athlete - Student
Dual Career
The Right Support
The Right Support
Enhanced funding
Enhanced funding
TASS
Right Course/Institution?
Right Athletes?
Right Athletes on the Right Course at the Right Institution
@ 16 or 18 years old
Athlete



Jane Sowerby

Aims & Objectives

Retain · Progress · Partnership · Capability & Success

TASS Headline Objective

To enhance the potential for talented young people aged 16-28, whatever their social background or personal circumstances, to progress their development as performance athletes, whilst continuing their academic development.

TASS Objectives

• To retain talented athletes, especially those most at risk from dropping out, in performance sport through the key transition phase of 16-28 years of age.

• To support talented young athletes to progress up the performance pathway in their sport.

•To enhance the extent and quality of partnership working between National Governing Bodies of Sport and the Further and Higher Education sectors.

• To enhance the capability of the Further and Higher Education sectors to flexibly support and cater for, to an agreed standard, the needs of talented young athletes.

•To enhance the level of success of talented young athletes at appropriate high level competitions.



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The First Year

6 months to take it from the drawing board to fully operational.

No comparable programme, designed from scratch (a work in progress)

Management/Operation – DCMS, Universities, Sports, BOA, BUCS, UKS, BPA

Democratic to Performance

- Independent Management and Operational Structure
- Minimum Standards – Institutions and Sport
- Athletes – Selection Criteria set by Sports (both Sports and Institutions could nominate)
  - Sports the 40% issue and Institutions the 60% issue
- Service Provision – Service Level Agreements had every service possible in them
- Monitor and enhance the programme
  - By the start of the 2nd year removed 1 in 5 of the institutions.
  - Tiering of the Institutions and Sports started

TASS Awards

TASS Award - £3500 (£1500 core service, £2000 sport services)

Services

- Core Services – S & C, Physiotherapy, Lifestyle, Medical Insurance and 100% Me
    - Delivered by Educational Institutions
    - Quality and Quantity set and monitored by TASS
- Sports Services – Any cost relating to undertaking the athletes sports
    - Delivered by Sports or Educational Institutions
    - In practice Coaching, Equipment, Competitions and Training Expenses
- Additional Athlete Support –
    - Disability and Remote Access Grant
    - Competition Fund
- Educational Support –
    - Guidance – Sport and Study
    - Work with Institutions to offer academic flexibility
    - Advise Sports and Athletes of opportunities
    - Workshops
    - Strategic Partnerships - BAC

TASS Institutions

13 Hubs and 63 Partner Institutions including Universities, Colleges and Schools

Oxford, Southampton, St Marys, Bath, Exeter, Hertfordshire, Manchester, Northumbria, Birmingham, Loughborough, Nottingham Trent, Leeds Metropolitan and Sheffield Hallam.

TASS Hubs

- Minimum Set of Services and Standards
  - Evolved over 5 years & based on facilities & staff, & raised/developed each year
- Comprehensive CPD & Mentoring programme based around TASS Core Services
  - Partnerships with relevant professional bodies
  - Developed own standards in areas not covered - Lifestyle (TALS)
  - A pathway for practitioners into the Performance Pathway

Funding Model

Block payments to Hubs targeting posts:-
Management/Athlete Administration/Physiotherapy/Lifestyle-Mentoring/S & C

Average funding per Hub - £80,000 to £100,000 (Athletes, Perf, Geography & Structure)

Additional Support to Hubs –

- Enhancement Grant – Research and Sport Partnerships

TASS Sports

Sports each have a framework embedding TASS within their Performance Pathway
Showing selection criteria, performance measures and service requirements

A TASS Sport

- Minimum Set of Operational Standards
    - Defined Performance Pathway
    - TASS is positioned to underpin UK Sports World Class Funding
    - Operational Resources to support operation
- Allocated number of TASS awards
    - Based on position of TASS within Sports Performance Pathway
- Additional Support to Sports –
    - Enhancement Grant – Research and Sport Partnerships
    - Competition Preparation and Participation fund.
    - Small Projects – to enhance links with Educational Institutions (08/09 17 Centres)

Other Funded Projects/Initiatives & Research

- Education Guidance & Opportunities (TASS and World Class Athletes)
- Lifestyle Support Qualifications and Training
- Medical Trust
- Coaching Interships
- Income Generation
- Research (Sport/NGB) – Screening/Remote S & C/S & C Protocols
- Research (TASS)
    - Service provision to Elite Athletes in Education
    - University Network development
    - Vocational Training/Education
    - TASS & University £

The Athlete



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A TASS Athletes

An average TASS athletes is 19 years old and is studying at a University, they spend 2 to 3 years as part of the TASS programme. With an average yearly graduation on the UK Sport ‘full-time’ programmes of 12% of athletes

The Award – Service Level Agreement

TASS Core

- Core Services – (allocated)

  £500 – S & C
  £320 – Physiotherapy
  £200 – Lifestyle Support
  £300 – Medical Insurance
  £80 – Doctor
  £100 – Administration/Documentation

- Sport Services – (Sports Discretion)

  £1000 – Coaching
  £500 – Competition
  £500 – Equipment

The Future



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Recent Funding Announcement

Allocate funding for both the 2011/12 & 12/13 TASS operational years

Operational Priorities

1) TASS will support UK Sport's primary focus of Olympic and Paralympic sports.

2) TASS will engage with all Olympic and Paralympic sports in order to identify the level of support that sports may receive from TASS from 1 October 2011.

(A long term commitment to working in partnership with TASS and the education sector, and a desire to allow athletes to pursue a 'Dual Career' involving both sport and education, will be key factors in determining the allocation of TASS places to sports.)

3) TASS will concentrate its delivery on TASS core awards via the education sector; and will no longer make TASS 2012 and 2014 awards.

4) TASS will continue to develop and support the TASS Hub Network, with the goal of developing it as a Network of athlete-friendly Universities; not just for TASS athletes, but for all levels of elite athletes

THANK YOU

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