

## **RE: Local Authority (LA) Hub Programme 2019-2020**

A review of the LA Hub Programme was undertaken following the completion of the 2018/19 season. Following the review, a number of changes will be made to the programme effective from this season.

The Under 13 and Under 15 age groups will continue in 2019/20 but will now start in January and finish in June 2020. This change will align the LA Hub programme with Welsh Netball's Talent Centres that also run between January and June, minimising any unnecessary player movement between the programmes. The commencement of LA Hub trials in January will also allow players to focus on their club netball between September – December, which is something we feel is beneficial to both player and club.

The number of LA Hub sessions will be reduced to 5 over the course of the year, however the duration of each monthly training session will increase to 2.5 hours.

Following the success of the U15 National Competition last season, this will be repeated in 2019/20. There will also be a National Competition introduced for the U13 age group following the Regional Competition round. Winners and runners up of each Regional Competition will qualify for the National Finals.

There will again be a price freeze for LA Hubs for the 2019/20 season with annual fees of £45.

### **Under 11 Age Group**

The Under 11 age group will no longer be offered as part of the LA Hub programme effective immediately. We believe that players at this age group should continue to focus on playing and developing their fundamental skills within a club setting. Welsh Netball will continue to support the development of both players and club coaches at this age group through the introduction of our *U11 Development Camps*.

Club coaches and nominated players will have access to *U11 Development Camps* opportunities during the season. Further information will be released this autumn.