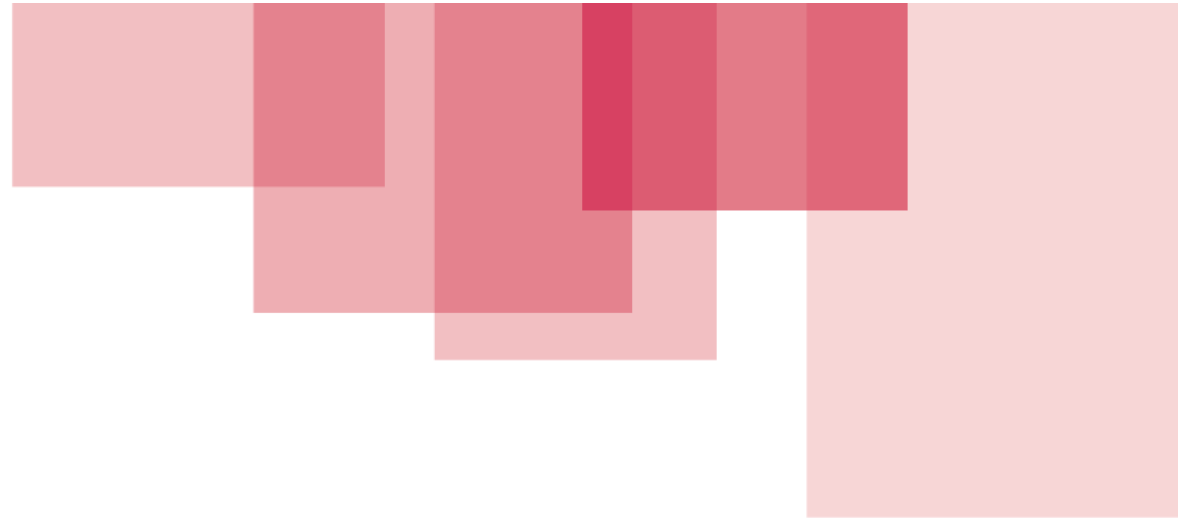


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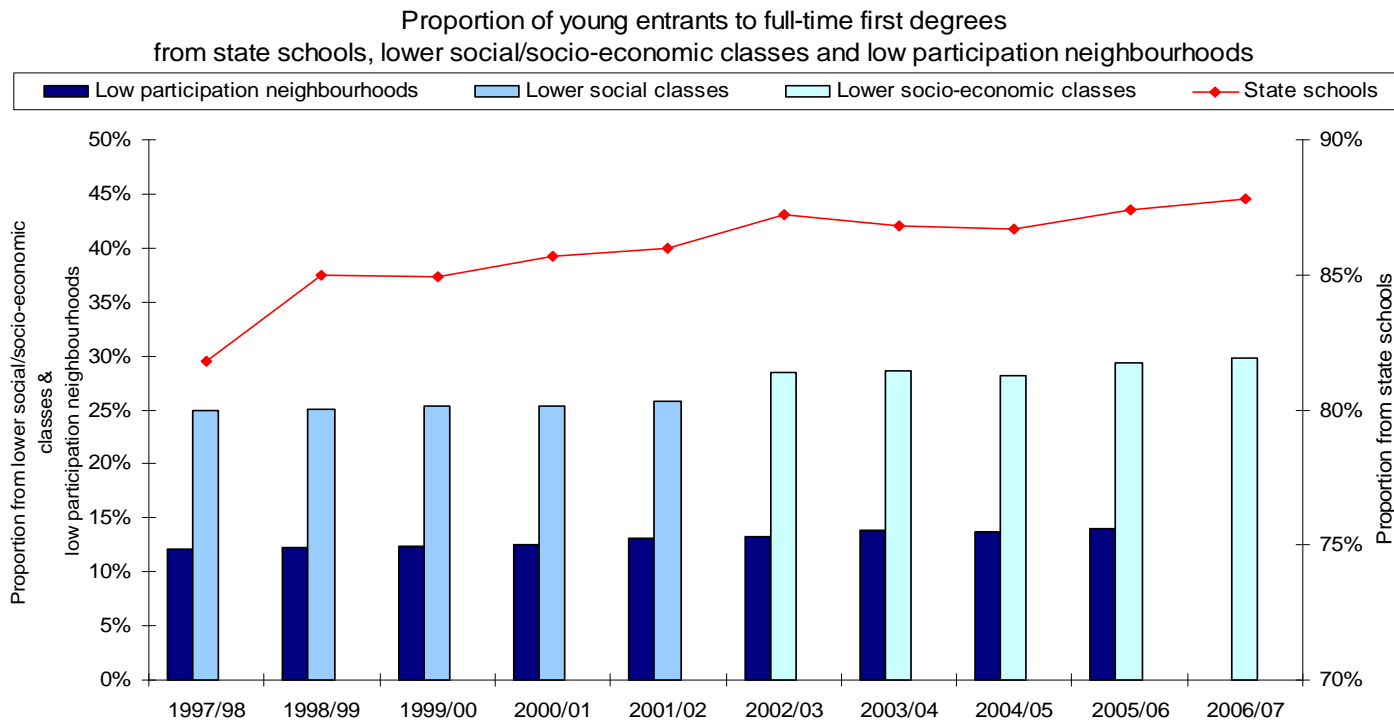
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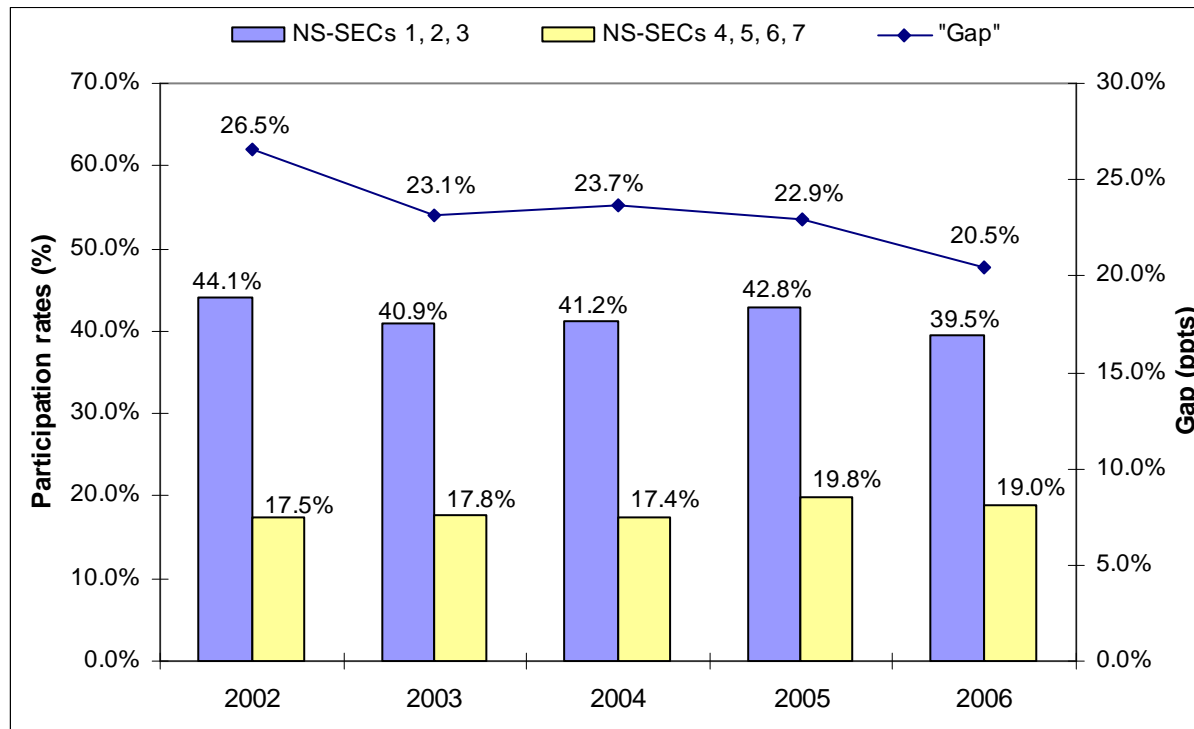
Policy rationale

- Government/DIUS remains committed to Increasing and Widening Participation in HE
- And to improving Fair Access
- Economic need and social justice

Progress measurement: PIs



Progress measurement: FYPSEC





Existing and emerging interventions

- Remains about awareness, aspirations, attainment applications and admissions
- DIUS, HEFCE and OFFA have range of direct levers and funded interventions
- Plus seek to influence through the use of indirect levers e.g. Local Authority Indicator



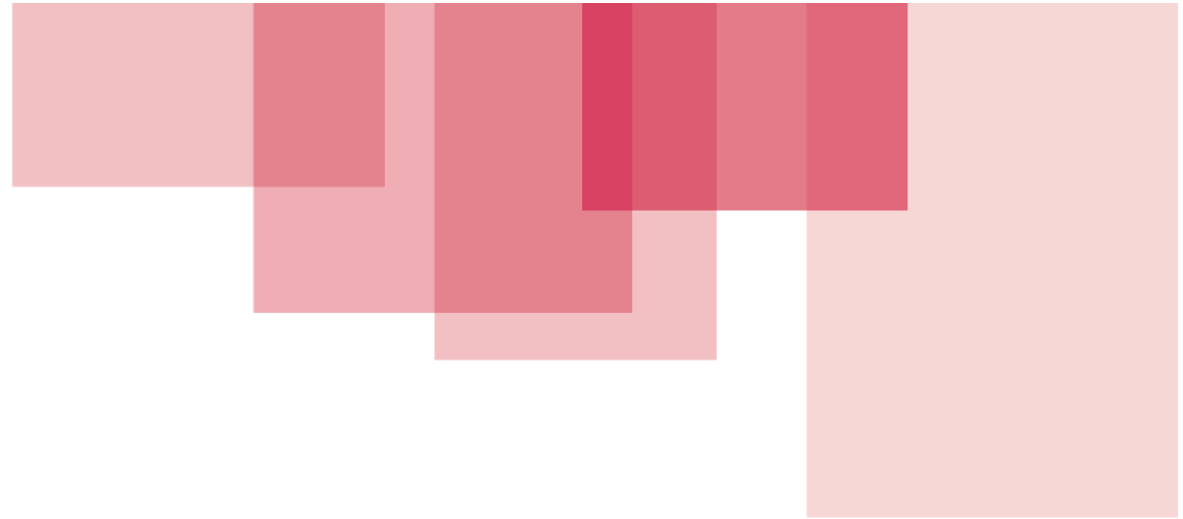
Existing and emerging interventions

- Aimhigher to 2011
- Aimhigher Associates
- HEFCE's Widening Participation Allocation
- Student support
- Office for Fair Access



Existing and emerging interventions

- Lifelong Learning Networks
- HE/school links:
 - - National Council for Educational Excellence
 - - City Challenge
- Information, Advice & Guidance
- Admissions: transparency, openness etc.



Conclusions

- Steady progress but long way to go/more to do
- HE/School links critical but challenging
- Need better evidence and progress measurement