

UK Sport launches public consultation on the future funding of elite sport

- How sports and athletes are prioritised for future investment, whether that is athletes with the strongest medal potential regardless of whether they are Olympic or Paralympic, summer or winter
- Sports with the greatest public access to participation or those with the widest social reach and impact
- How to ensure there continues to be parity given to Paralympic as well as Olympic sport; summer and winter
- How best to utilise funded athletes as community and national role models; how to balance support for lesser-funded minority or developing sports with funding for those with larger commercial potential
- Whether to target other sports beyond the Olympic and Paralympic stable.

Participants will be asked to make the tough choices and consider the ultimate consequences of these choices with what in reality will always be a limited pot of public funding for high performance sport in the UK.

UK Sport Chair Dame Katherine Grainger said: “The success of the UK’s high performance sport system since the advent of National Lottery funding in the 1990s has been nothing short of remarkable. The challenge now is how we build on that success, aiming for even more inspirational impact on the UK as a whole. Financially there will always be a limit to the public funding available, whether that is National Lottery or exchequer funding and so that means there are no easy answers when it comes to decisions. What is clear is that the UK Sport Board and I do not come at this with any preconceived conclusions other than that we believe in the power and inspiration of British sport. We look forward to receiving people’s views and welcome what we hope will be a lively, respectful and worthwhile debate.”

Minister for Sport Tracey Crouch said: “Our elite sport system has transformed Britain into an Olympic and Paralympic powerhouse and it’s paramount that we build on this and continue to inspire future generations. I am pleased that UK Sport are going out to the public and stakeholders on how this can be achieved. I encourage everyone to share their views on what they want to see from the high performance sport system in this country and how money should be invested.”

The consultation is available [here](#) and the consultation process can be viewed [here](#).

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