

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)

KEY FACTS

Started Sept 2004 (4 Operational years)

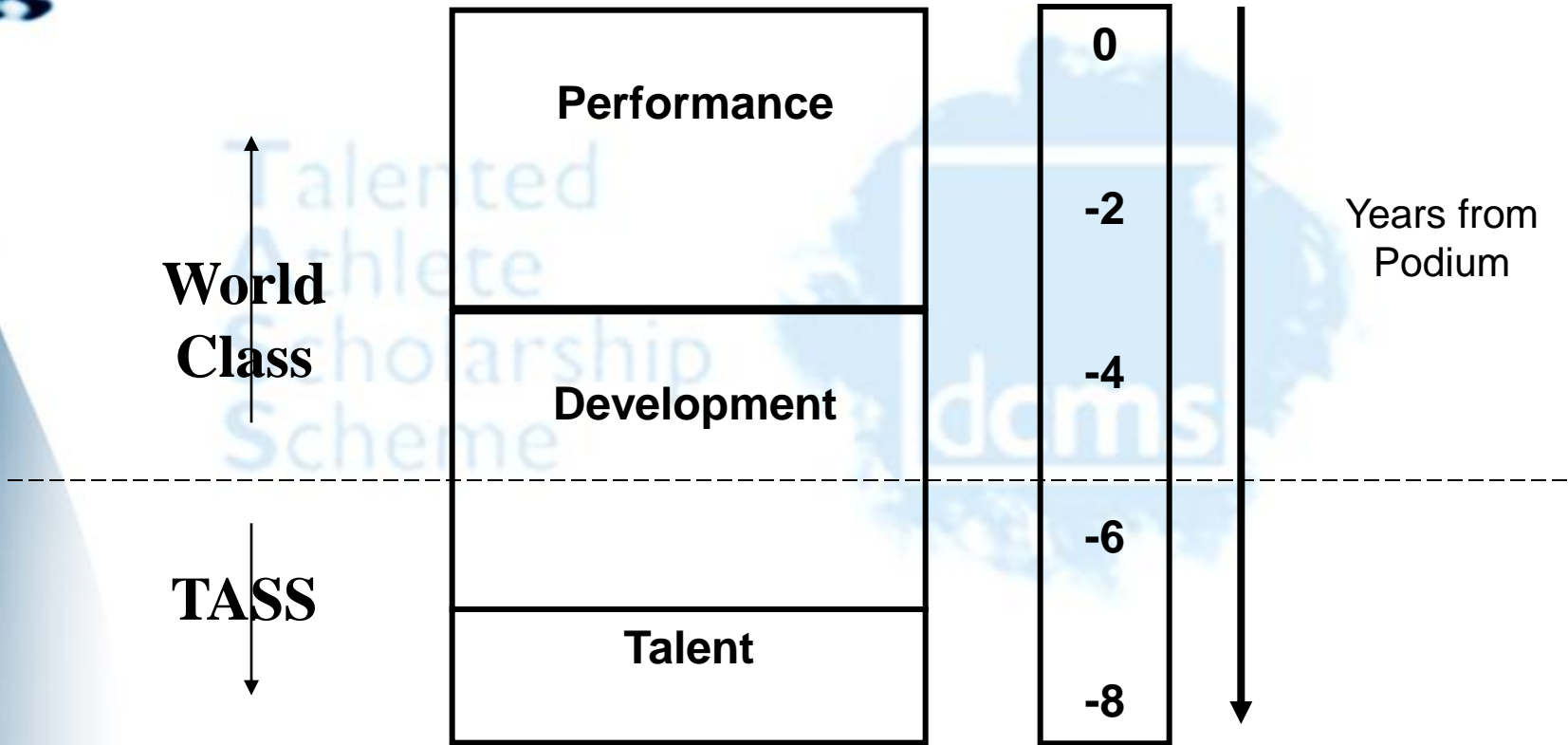
Providing Individual Awards to 3182 athletes

Across 76 Institutions and 56 Sports

So far £18 million invested

Additional £11 million of funding already confirmed until 2011

Where do TASS athletes sit in the Elite Pathway?



TASS

	Services	Education Support	Best Practise & Infrastructure	Academic Funding
World Class Athletes		√	√	√
TASS Athletes	√	√	√	√
Other Senior Athletes		(√)	(√)	

Education Support

- **Sport & Study Website**
 - ‘Ask Prof’
 - Targeted TASS and WC, but general info for elite athletes
 - Athlete Education ‘trade fair’
 - Education Day
- **Flexible Academic Options**
 - Links/partnerships to other options AASE, OU etc
 - Distance learning, use of technology, bespoke options
- **Greater Understanding of Sport and Education Mix**
 - Training of Academics, Parents and NGBs (plus UKS)

Best Practise & Infrastructure

- **Audits and Case Studies**

- Core services
- Operational systems
- Self assessment and institution 'swaps'

- **Infrastructure**

- Equipment for Core Services (S & C and Physio)
- Use of specific tools (database & Injury Zone)
- Easy Linkage into required services (insurance/EIS Docs)

Academic Funding

- **Academic Fees**

- HEFEC
- University wavers
- UKS – WC support

- **Academic Cost (Computers, books, travel etc)**

- Increased awards/Sponsors
- Universities (reallocation of funding/Uni scholarships)

Services

4 Core Services

- S & C, Mentoring, Physio & Management
- **CPD programme**
 - 07/08 average of £4000 to £5000 a Hub
 - Expansion but based around Core Services
 - Expansion of TASS developed training courses
- **Standardization and Quality**
 - Delivery Expectations and Monitoring
 - Mentoring of service deliverers by Leads
 - Portal for Deliverers/Network Groups
- **NGB**
 - Greater linkage to Hubs
 - Sport Specific Core Service (Coaching, Expenses, Camps, Equipment)

Mentoring in FE and HE



Mentoring Landscape

Secondary



Youth Sport Trust

FE / HE

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10

16-18

21+

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TASS Mentoring

- Previously Professional Athlete Lifestyle Support (PALS)
- Delivered by university staff
- Workshop based
 - Anti doping
 - Nutrition
 - Time management



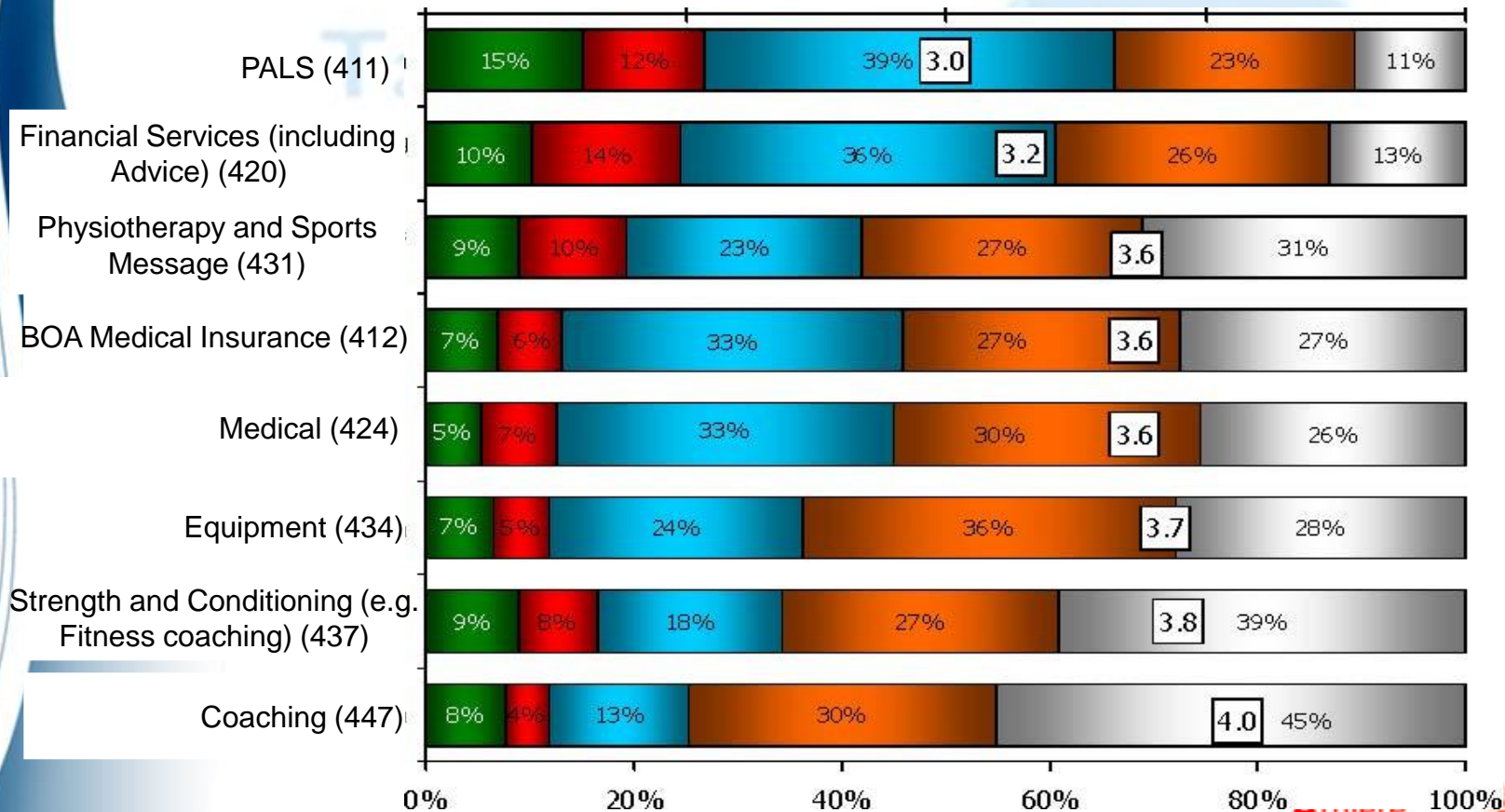
Audit findings 2006/07

- Lack of knowledge
- No recognition of PALS
- University bias

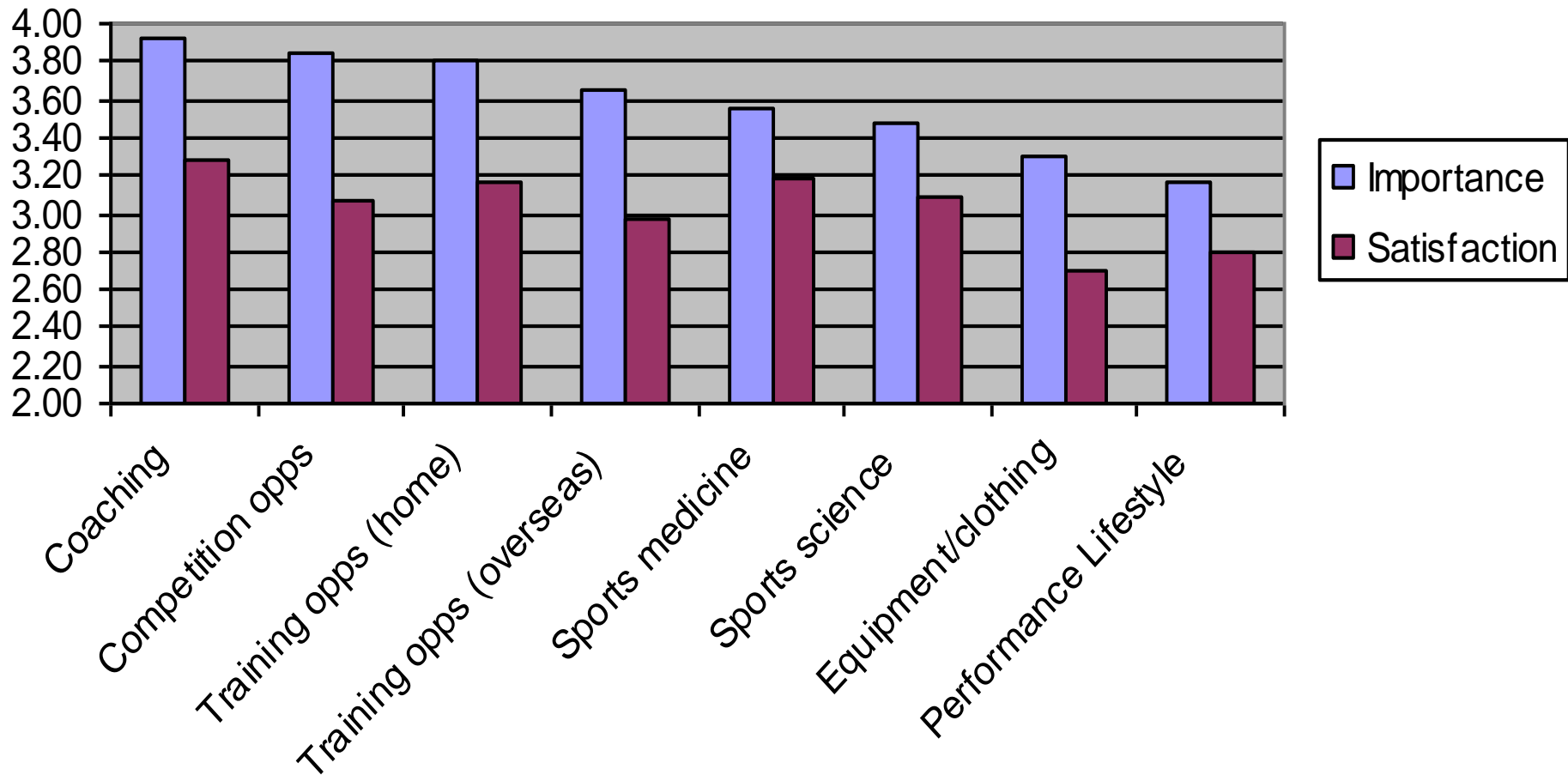




■ 1= very poor
 ■ 2
 ■ 3=adequate
 ■ 4
 ■ 5= very good
 Mean



Athletes survey: WCP



2007/2008 provisional findings

- Poor attendance
- 27% completed anti doping education
- 71% stated they could not make workshops due to training commitments
- 14% felt they didn't need to attend

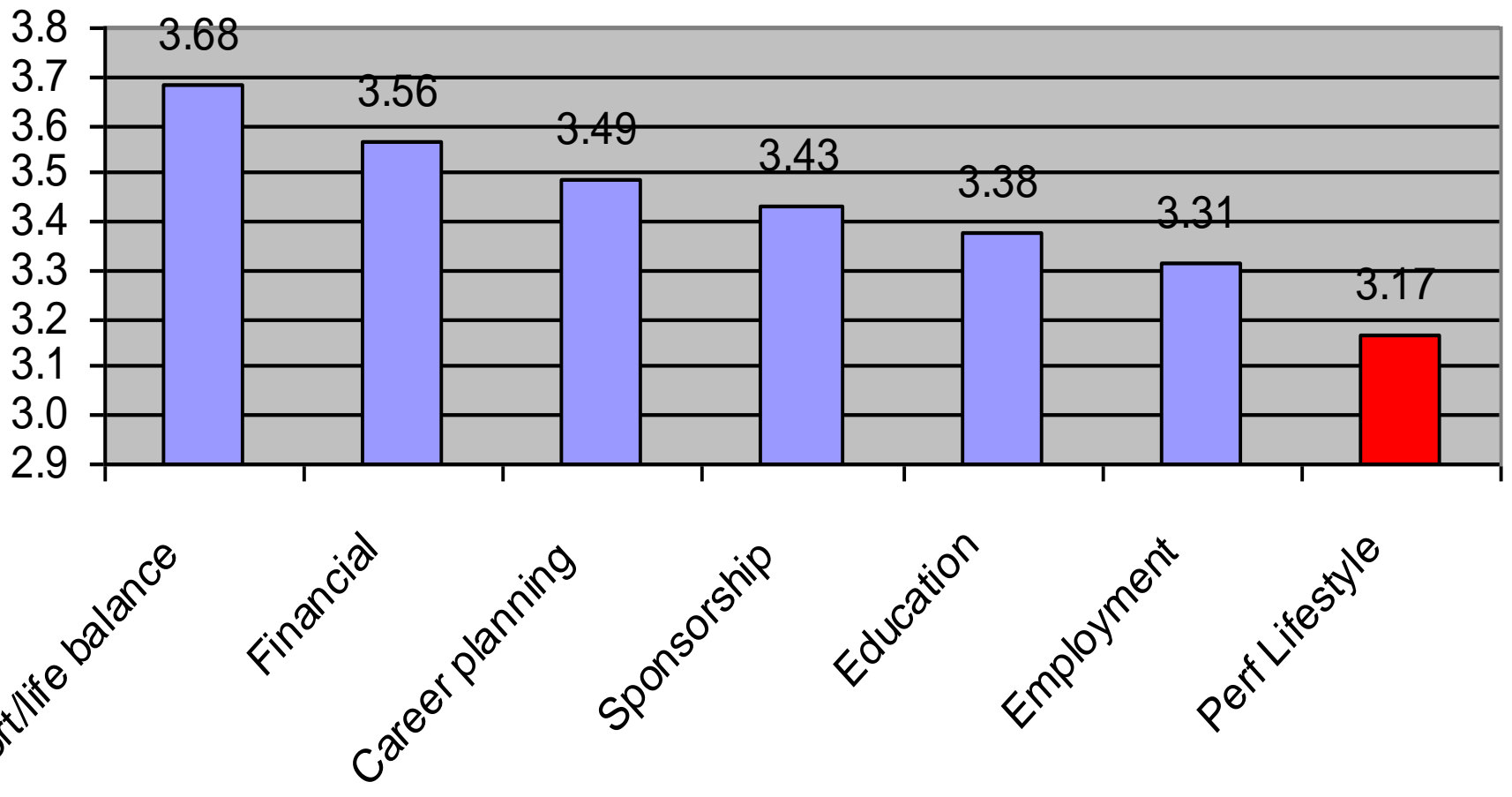
TASS mentoring 2008/09 athletes

- Compulsory 4 meetings, monthly contact using preferred method
- Move away from workshop model
- Individual support
- Attendance is monitored
- Prioritise anti doping education – 100%ME
- Five key learning outcomes

TASS mentoring 2008/09

- TASS continuing to invest in staff development
- Hold or be working towards Level 3 Talented Athlete Lifestyle Support VRQ
- Support and guidance

Importance of performance lifestyle factors



Challenges

- Athlete and NGB perception
- Create a performance focus
- Staff training
- Finance



Thank you for listening

