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The Open University is not included; the locations shown are approximate; and several HEIs have been not been shown on the map for the London region.

Comments

Since 1994 the number of UK universities offering degrees in physics has declined from 79 to 51*. One consequence of this decline is the emergence of 'deserts' in undergraduate physics teaching - regions in the UK not served by a university physics department.

According to the Institute's report,

Physics – building a flourishing future[†], these gaps in regional provision are of concern because:

- potential undergraduate and postgraduate students in physics are less likely to travel long distances to study;
- industry, particularly small companies, need access to local university expertise; and
- physics teaching in schools benefits from contact with local university physics departments.

* Physics on Course annual publication of the Institute of Physics

† <http://physics.iop.org/Policy/UPI/index.html>

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