Framework for Excellence: School Sixth Form Pilot 2009/10

Learner Destinations Survey

1 The aim of the Learner Destinations survey is to establish the impact of learning that has been funded by the Government. In particular, the questions explore learners’ progression into employment, further education and higher education and training. The purpose of the survey is to encourage focus on longer-term benefits as well as qualifications, to help learners make informed choices, to provide information to schools, and to inform Government policy. The Learner Destinations performance indicator (PI) for 2009/10 is based on finding out what learners who completed learning programmes in 2007/08 did in 2008/09.

2 For sixth forms, the Learner Destinations measure is derived from a combination of the following data sources:
   a Data matching (using the 2007/08 and the 2008/09 datasets for school sixth forms, further education and higher education)
   b A postal survey of 2007/08 learners
   c A postal invitation to 2007/08 learners asking them to complete an online survey.

   In addition, data collected by Connexions Client Caseload Information Service will be reviewed as a potential data source for future years.

3 All of this work will be carried out centrally and you will not have to provide any additional information. However you may want to brief your switchboard staff that the survey is taking place. This is because former learners will occasionally call the school to check that a survey is legitimate. The survey will start in early December 2009 and we have asked learners to return their responses by 11 January 2010.

4 For the pilot, to reach those learners who cannot be found through data matching, a combination of online and paper-based surveys is being used in 2009/10 to assess how successful each approach is in encouraging learners to respond to the survey. The results will provide useful information that will help to shape the future of the Learner Destinations survey.

5 If you would like to see a copy of the survey you can do so by visiting http://www.ipsos-mori.com/demodestinations. To open the demonstration version of the survey, enter any seven digit number.