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Update on Learner Surveys 2009/10

Schools taking part in the Pilot 2009/10 are involved in the following surveys:

- Learner Views, incorporating Health and Well Being
- Learner Destinations.

Key contacts in the schools have been sent information about the surveys and guidelines on how to prepare for them. This guidance will be available on the School and LA Pilot website from the 10th December.

Learner Views

The Learner Views survey is an on-line survey of all sixth formers in your school which takes place between 4th January and 26th February 2010. The role of the school is to encourage all sixth form learners to take part in the survey and to provide them with the school’s Unique Reference Number (URN) as used in Ofsted inspections prior to undertaking the survey.

Schools should check their web access to the Learner Views survey. This can be done up until 18th December 2009. Testing access to the survey is essential to ensure that there is no interference from your school’s firewalls. You are encouraged to test this link widely including from all centres at which learners are based.

Learner Destinations

The Learner Destination survey is a survey of the destinations in 2008/09 of those learners who completed sixth form learning programmes in 2007/08. The survey begins in December 2009 and learners are asked to return their responses by 11 January 2010. All the work for the survey will be carried out centrally and there is no action required by the school.

The Connexions Service has helped us to identify any learners from this cohort who have passed away. We have removed the names of these learners from the mailing to avoid causing any distress to their families.
Pilot Independent Evaluation

In order to provide a measure as to the robustness and fitness for purpose of Framework for Excellence (FfE) to school sixth forms, an independent evaluation of the schools pilot is required to look into the implementation of the FfE by school sixth forms and local authorities. The findings from the evaluation will be used to help DCSF, LSC and other stakeholders understand the issues around implementing the FfE in schools.

Issues to be addressed include

- The support that local authorities may need to implement the FfE.
- The processes for collecting and transmitting data and management Information for the indicators both from schools to the LSC and from the LSC to schools.
- The support that schools may need to use and understand the measures and how they link to the school’s self evaluation.
- The extent to which the Performance Indicators are felt to be relevant and appropriate for use by schools.

York Consulting have been selected to carry out the evaluation on our behalf. It will be necessary for York to conduct interviews with key stakeholders and pilot participants. To support this process we intend to provide them with a named contact within each school and local authority participating in the pilot.

If you do not wish to be contacted for the purposes of the evaluation please email schoolandlapilot@lsc.gov.uk no later than 15th December. Any organisation which does not wish to take part will be excluded from the contact list that is provided to York.

REACT High Level Guide

The High Level Guide which is produced by the LGA program REACT has been updated. For more information and to view the updated December Draft publication please click here.

Minutes from Group Meetings

After another successful series of User and Development Group meetings minutes are available.

- Publication, Information and SRC Group – 16/11/2009 – Minutes available
- QSR, Threshold Attainment and Value Added – 07/12/2009 – Minutes to follow

Please contact schoolandlapilot@lsc.gov.uk if you have not received a copy of these minutes and would like to.

Future Dates for Group Meetings

After a successful series of Local Authority work strand meetings group members felt that the addition of two new dates would be beneficial.

Local Authority New Dates


Please see the table below for more details of when your group is next due to meet.
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<td>Friday 29 January 2010 10.30 – 14.00</td>
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<td>Learner Views and Destinations</td>
<td>York LSC Office NYK Boardroom</td>
<td>Tuesday 9 February 2010 11.00 – 14.00</td>
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**Enquiries and Updates**

If you have any further enquiries please use our dedicated school and local authority mailbox. The e-mail address is schoolandiapilot@lsc.gov.uk. Future issues of *Pilot News* will include updates on:

- Updates from Learner Destinations and Learner Views
- The School Report Card
- Pilot Steering Group

Kind regards

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