MP full backing for the Framework for Excellence
Siôn Simon MP, Minister for Further Education, announced his full support for the Framework for Excellence in a letter to FE Focus.

In his letter Siôn Simon said, the Framework was a landmark development that would bring long term benefits for the post-16 sector.

Changes to the Framework for Excellence
In response to feedback from key stakeholders – including the FE sector – the LSC, DIUS and DCSF have been looking closely at the future structure of the Framework for Excellence. As a result of these consultations, and to ensure that the Framework remains fit for purpose and links with future commissioning and performance management arrangements, DIUS and DCSF Ministers have agreed to a revision of the structure of the Framework with some immediate implications for 2008/09.

A copy of the letter outlining the changes is available from the Framework for Excellence website along with supporting FAQs.

Extension to Learner Views Survey
Due to adverse weather conditions, a large number of colleges and providers closed recently. These closures may have affected planned activity relating to the Framework for Excellence Learner Views Survey, and therefore the survey period is extended for a further two weeks until midnight on Friday, 27 February.

This extension will apply only to those learners completing the survey online. Paper-based surveys were collected before the poor weather conditions could impact upon the survey returns. For your information there will not be any further extension to the survey period for 2008/09 beyond Friday 27 February and it is not envisaged that such an extension will be necessary in future years, as the planned period for administering the survey will be longer.

A letter was sent on Monday 9 February to Principals and Chief Executives of providers in scope for the Framework for Excellence in 2008/09 and the Pilot: Phase 2, advising them of the extension to the survey.

For further information relating to the Framework Excellence, please email ffehelpdesk@lsc.gov.uk.
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