Dear Colleague,

This week’s Framework for Excellence Pilot Update covers:

1) Pilot Guide
2) Development & Focus Groups
3) Finance form – reminder of action required
4) Learner Destinations Survey

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Pilot Guide

Please amend the first sentence to read: The Phase 2 Pilot Guide is now published and available on the Pilot section of the Framework’s website. Please take the time to read it. If you have any queries about the Pilot Guide please contact ffepilot@lsc.gov.uk.

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Development & Focus Groups

The table showing the Development and Focus Groups together with dates and locations of meetings is available on the Framework for Excellence Website. Note that meeting times will generally be from 10.30 to 14.30 to allow time for travel to and from the meetings.

I would like to draw your attention to the National User Group being held in London (Centrepoint) on 5th December from 12.00 until 15.00. This group will be looking at some of the longer term developmental issues for the Framework.

We are particularly keen for as many pilot providers as possible to attend the groups. An overview of the Framework and the Pilot will be presented to each group as well as dealing with its specific topic area.

If you are interested in attending any of the groups please contact ffepilot@lsc.gov.uk.

Please note: the LLDD Focus Group on 26th November is for organisations delivering LLDD-funded provision – this is different to the NATSPEC FIE Focus Group which is run by NATSPEC and next meets on 10th December.

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Financial Management and Control Evaluation (FMCE) – reminder of action required

Pilot providers should be aware (and those in scope for Phase 1 are reminded) that the timescales for the completion and submission to the LSC of their FMCE form is 12th December.
Guidance instructions, blank forms and completed examples are available on the FMCE section of the Framework’s website. Please refer to your Regional Audit Manager if you have any queries regarding the form or completion requirements.

Please note: Pilot Higher Education Institutions (who are in scope for Phase 3 of the Framework) are not expected to complete this form.

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Learner Destinations update

We have now completed the Learner Destinations survey for providers in scope for Version 1 of the Framework. From Wednesday 19 November we have extended the survey for pilot providers. The survey will run until 7 December.

You don’t need to do anything, but please be aware that Ipsos-Mori will be contacting your learners. If you want to know more about the Learner Destinations survey please see paragraphs 134 to 146 of the Pilot Guide.

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If you have any queries or feedback about the Pilot please contact ffepilot@lsc.gov.uk

Best regards,

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