**HESA FUNDAMENTAL REVIEW OF GRADUATE DESTINATIONS AND OUTCOMES DATA: STRATEGIC GROUP**

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# Centralisation – what could it mean?

The NewDLHE consultation identified centralisation as a potential method for increasing efficiency and consistency of the data. The consultation asked questions about current levels of outsourcing, and whether a central survey would provide more robust results. Responses were mixed, and so we seek your input and advice with regards to this item.

## What could centralisation mean?

We have initially identified four hypothetical approaches to centralisation:

* Central SOC-coding
* Single supplier
* Supplier list
* Centralised through HESA

This is not an exhaustive list, and we welcome suggestions for alternative approaches.

Centralisation can mean many things. There are several ‘centralised’ surveys currently operating in the sector, and multiple methodologies. Some examples have been identified below:

Longitudinal DLHE

* Run through an externally supplier
* Overseen by HESA and steering group
* HE providers supply contact details for graduates
* HE providers receive the dataset

SIC coding

* DLHE is distributed but functionality of SIC coding is centralised through an external company
* Once the HE providers have returned DLHE data to HESA, the coding company is provided with the relevant data for coding purposes
* The SIC codes are supplied back to HE providers

National Student Survey (NSS)

* The national student survey has a range of funders but is commissioned by HEFCE
* The survey is undertaken independently by an external contractor
* HE providers have the opportunity to ask additional questions at the end of the survey
* There are bespoke question banks e.g. for students studying in NHS subjects
* HE providers receive the dataset

UK Engagement Survey (UKES)

* HE providers opt into the survey
* Run by HEA
* HE providers receive the dataset

Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) and Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES)

* Run by HEA
* Administered through Bristol Online Surveys (BOS) – locked down survey where HE providers can monitor responses as they come in
* HE providers can ask additional questions

DLHE - Further Education Colleges

* HEFCE oversee FE colleges running DLHE
* HEFCE select a preferred supplier to administer the DLHE
* It is at FE college’s discretion whether they use the preferred supplier or administer the survey themselves
* HEFCE also suggest that colleges can collaborate with other colleges or HE providers to run the survey

The Careers Group

* HE provider can chose to outsource the DLHE collection to suppliers such as The Careers Group
* The Careers Group make contact with graduates whilst providing regular updates on progress, trouble shooting and feedback
* The HE provider has access to DLHE analytics to view their results. There are three levels of analytic platform which providers can subscribe to.
* The Careers Group submit the data to HESA, following consultation with the HE provider

## Questions for the strategic group

1. What pros and cons for different methods of centralisation?
2. What are the critical success factors for centralisation?