**Review of HE student outcomes and destinations data**

**Strategic group meeting**

**11.00 – 15.00 Monday 16 November 2015**

**The Boardroom, Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HQ**

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# Background Information

This paper is not intended for discussion. It is intended to give members of the group a similar level of familiarity with recent changes to the legislative framework, and current methods of data collection. Contents are as follows:

* Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 briefing (page 1)
* Sample Destinations of Leavers in Higher Education survey (page 1)
* Guide for HE providers (page 1)
* A guide to the Destinations of Leavers in Higher Education survey process (page 2)
* A guide to the Longitudinal Destinations of Leavers in Higher Education survey process (page 3)
* Key uses of the Destinations of Leavers in Higher Education survey data. (page 3)

## Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 briefing

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has produced a briefing on part six of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act, which widens the legal gateway for accessing tax and welfare data from HMRC and DWP for the purpose of educational evaluation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417327/bis_15_267_SBEE_Act_Education_Evaluation_Fact_sheet.pdf>

## Sample Destinations of Leavers in Higher Education (DLHE) survey

Versions of the survey instrument can be downloaded as PDF documents from: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_studrec&task=show_file&mnl=14018&href=Questionnaires.html>

An online version of a DLHE survey instrument has been made available at: <https://hesa.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/destinations-and-outcomes-strategic-group-dlhe-survey> in order to familiarise members of the group with the current survey instrument, should they wish. Please note that this is a test version of a future version of the survey and is not 100% complete (some validation and routing has not yet been applied).

## Guide to DLHE and DLHE longitudinal for HE providers

HESA produces comprehensive ‘coding manuals’ to guide HE providers in the processes of data collection, coding and submission, prior to HESA’s own processes of quality assurance. We provide links here to provide a starting point for further investigation, should members wish.

DLHE: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_studrec&Itemid=232&mnl=14018>

DLHE Longitudinal: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_studrec&Itemid=232&mnl=10019>

## Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey process – 6 months after leavingLongitudinal Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey process – 3.5 years after leaving

Student record data sign-off

*November Y1*

HESA release details of changes to DLHE surveys

*October Y1*

HESA releases DLHE surveys

*February Y2*

HE providers prepare their systems

*February Y2 – April Y2*

HE providers contact graduates

April contact period

*April Y2 – June Y2*

January contact period

*November Y2 – March Y3*

Data processed by HE provider

*April Y2 – March Y3*

Data returned to HESA

Quality assured

Signed off

*March Y3*

Data published

*July Y3*

**Target response rates **

80% for UK-domiciled HE leavers who studied full time

70% for UK-domiciled HE leavers who studied part time

80% for Research Council funded students

50% for all other EU HE leavers

20% for non-EU international HE leavers

**How are graduates contacted?**

Phone  59%

Online  28%

Post  4%

Other 3%

**Before data is returned to HESA it must be:**

SOC coded ****

JACs coded

Enriched if it does not meet minimum designated response

**The Student record provides the DLHE survey population**

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**Response rates (2010/11) **

Sample A – 44%

Sample B – 16%

**How are graduates contacted?**

Phone 

Online 

**LDLHE is a sample survey**

Sample A – stratified sample derived using target coverage defined by survey funders

Sample B – any graduates outside of sample A for whom an email address or mobile number is held

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HE providers supply external contractor with graduate contact details

*September Y1 – November Y1*

Contracted company contacts graduates



Contact period

*November Y1 – March Y2*

Data prepared by contracted company

*December Y1– April Y2*

Data supplied back to HESA

*April Y2*

Data published

*August Y2*


## Key uses of DLHE data

DLHE is one of the most heavily-used datasets held by HESA, and is used to meet a wide range of data requirements, including supporting HE providers in their benchmarking and educational evaluation work. Uses of the current DLHE data include:

* Statistical First Release: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/sfr217>
* Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education published statistics: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_pubs&task=show_pub_detail&pubid=1708&Itemid=286>
* Free online statistics (downloaded tens of thousands of times): <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1899&Itemid=634>
* UNISTATS dataset - <https://unistats.direct.gov.uk/>
* What do graduates do? - <http://www.hecsu.ac.uk/current_projects_what_do_graduates_do.htm>
* Hundreds of bespoke data requests and analyses, annually.