

Publication dates of the 2015 UK Performance Indicators

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Issue

1. To confirm the dates for the 2015 publication of the UK Performance Indicators.

Discussion

2. It is proposed that the release timetable for the 2015 publication of the UK Performance Indicators follows as closely as possible that for the 2014 publication. In accordance with Official Statistics requirements, the dates for the 2015 publication of the UK Performance Indicators will be made available via the HESA website at least one month in advance of publication.
3. Members of the UKPITG are invited to note that the proposed release of Tranche 2 is dependent on the publication of HESA's statistical first release (SFR) relating to the 2013-14 destinations of leavers from higher education (DLHE) survey going ahead as planned at the end of June 2015.
4. The proposed release dates of the two tranches are:
 - Thursday, 26 March 2015: Release of tranche 1 – the widening participation and non-continuation UKPIs (tables T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T7)
 - Thursday 2 July 2015: Release of tranche 2 – the employment UKPIs (table E1)
5. UKPITG members are asked to highlight any issues arising in relation to the release dates proposed.
6. UKPITG members are also invited to note a concern that HESA and/or the HE funding bodies will come under increasing pressure to publish the UKPIs to an earlier timetable than the one proposed in this paper and actioned in recent years. If this possibility materialised, the concern would likely be voiced in relation to the 2016 and future publications of the UKPIs. Any perspective that UKPITG members are able to provide with respect to the feasibility or desirability of an accelerated publication timetable would be useful to HESA and the HE funding bodies in addressing any concerns raised with them.

Recommendation

7. That the UKPITG highlight agree to recommend the following publication dates to the UK Performance Indicators Steering Group:
 - Thursday, 26 March 2015: Release of tranche 1 – the widening participation and non-continuation UKPIs (tables T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T7)
 - Thursday 2 July 2015: Release of tranche 2 – the employment UKPIs (table E1)

Further information

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