

## **Progress to date on the review of the benchmarking approach**

**UKPITG 16/03†**

### **Issue**

1. To understand the progress of work to deliver a fundamental review of the benchmarking approach and methodology used within UK Performance Indicators (UKPIs). Timely progress with the review needs to be made in order to effect change in the 2016 publications of UKPIs and experimental statistics, as requested by the UK Performance Indicators Steering Group (UKPISG).
2. Members representing the four work strands of the review will be asked to provide an oral update on progress since the December 2015 meeting of the UK Performance Indicators Technical Group.

### **Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that UKPITG consider the updates received from members, and identify any requirements of them that may arise from the next steps in each of the four work strands.

### **Discussion**

4. At the December 2015 meeting, UKPITG members representing the four work strands of the benchmarking review were tasked with taking forward the following actions in relation to the review. These actions are described below:
  - UKPITG members representing the four UK nations to consider the ability of their organisations to contribute to costs of £20,000 on the basis of the usual model.
  - Review area leads to document the processes outlined in their updates, and circulate these to the secretariat at the earliest opportunity: updates received by the secretariat were included at Annex 1 of the minutes of the December 2015 meeting of UKPITG.
  - Upon completion of their draft invitation to tender for work to review the benchmarking statistical methodology, HESA to circulate that draft to UKPITG members for comment and approval.
5. Members are asked to provide a brief update on work undertaken to date in the review work strands, and to identify the next steps and timings to which UKPITG should expect to receive outputs from that work.

### **Further information**

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