AoC VP Network: Quality Delivery Portfolio Group

AoC/DfE survey on performance tables

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Survey Results

We jointly ran a survey in April to help DfE improve the checking exercise for this summer

We received 74 response – 49 GFECs, 19 SFCs, 6 specialist colleges

All regions sent at least one response – the highest number from the North West and the lowest from the North East.

75% said they did not need any further information in the guidance issued and 57% felt it did not contain too much information. 79% checked both the student and results CSV files

Detailed comments

Survey said:	We plan to:
1. Include name of qualification as well as size	1. We are exploring this further
2. Use final ILR return	2. This is not possible due to the timing of publication
3. Include ULNs	3. These are included
4. Guidance should be issued earlier so colleges can plan	4. We have issued FAQs with 2017 shadow data on 15 June. The Technical guide is also available
5. Include students' prior attainment	5. Each student's prior attainment is included

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Detailed comments

Survey said:	We plan to:
1. Make the files printer friendly	1. We are exploring with the contractor but will include guidance telling colleges how to do this for themselves if necessary
2. Improve CSV files	2. We are exploring this further to better meet user needs
3. Improve the guidance	3. We are improving the guidance and have asked a college to help us.

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Detailed comments

Survey said:	We plan to:
1. Include details of where qualification achieved	1. We include the national centre number where we have it
2. More time to check the data	2. See if we can increase the checking exercise by up to one working week
3. Move the timing of the checking exercise	3. The planned extra time will move it more into October. Further changes to timing or time given for checking are not currently possible

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Errata period

Do NOT

use the errata period to make changes – this is what the checking exercise is for.

The errata period should be used ONLY for unavoidable late changes, for example to notify us of late awards from awarding organisations, late re-marks etc.

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For more information

Queries about college specific data should be directed to:

[**Contact the Department for Education (DfE) - GOV.UK**](Contact the Department for Education (DfE) - GOV.UK)

During the checking exercise:

Use the checking exercise helpline

Visit the website to see the technical guide:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-accountability-headline-measures-technical-guide