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## 2009 National Student Survey: Changes to publication of data

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## **Introduction**

1. This circular provides information to institutions on the next steps in the 2009 National Student Survey (NSS) process, including how and when they may access their 2009 NSS results.
2. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all institutions for their hard work on the 2009 NSS. Current indications (subject to data checking) suggest that the overall response rate for NSS 2009, including students studying NHS subjects, is over 60 per cent.
3. Although students of NHS subjects have been included in the survey from the beginning in Wales, in 2007/08 they were included using the on-line method only to enable them to respond to additional questions, as in England, giving a response rate of 37 per cent. In 2008/09 the National Leadership and Innovation Agency for Healthcare (NLIAH) agreed to pay the setup costs to enable students of NHS subjects in Wales to respond to the survey, including the additional questions, to be surveyed by all methods. The results for this year suggest that response rate for these students is over 60 per cent.

## **Publication of the 2009 results: Planned schedule of activity**

4. This year institutions will be able to preview their results on the HEFCE extranet from 22 July 2009. HEFCE will send details of how to access these to institutional contacts closer to the time.
5. This will be followed on 6 August 2009 by the launch of Phase 1 of the Ipsos MORI NSS results site which presents NSS data to institutions at a high level of detail and with access to students' comments ([www.ipsos-mori.com/nss/results](http://www.ipsos-mori.com/nss/results)), where all pre-calculated data tables will be available at institution, subject and sector level.
6. Also on 6 August we intend to publish a joint HEFCW/Higher Education Wales/National Union of Students Wales press release of all sector summary data; detailed data will also be released to selected press contacts on this date.
7. On 27 August 2009 Ipsos MORI will launch Phase 2 (custom analysis) of the results site. The custom analysis function provides each institution the freedom to analyse tailored results for specific cohorts of students.
8. From 15 September 2009 institutions will be able to preview their own results on the Unistats web-site (<http://cms.unistats.com/>).
9. From 22 September 2009 there will be a further preview period where institutions have access to all institutions' data.

10. On 29 September 2009 the Unistats web-site will be available for public access.

**Further information / responses to**

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