

**To: Heads of higher education
institutions in Wales
Principals of directly funded further
education colleges**

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ANNUAL AUDIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING DATA

I am writing to confirm that an independent external audit of the higher education funding data supplied during the 2005/06 academic year should be undertaken in autumn 2006 with audit reports submitted to the Council by mid October 2006. The audit may be carried out by external auditors of your choice - these need not be your current appointed external auditors.

The form of the audit of funding data will be broadly the same as last year. Auditors' notes for guidance will be issued in July.

In order to provide the Council with assurances on the standards and practices adopted in relation to these audits, HEFCW's Audit Service may be inspecting the papers relating to the funding data audit during the routine audit of institutions.

Please complete the attached form with details of the external auditor who will be carrying out the audit, ensuring that all fields are completed, and return the form to me by **14 July 2006**.

Yours Sincerely

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