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2014 National Student Survey: Publication of data

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This circular provides information on the next steps in the 2014 National Student Survey (NSS) process, including the timetable for when institutions will be able to access their results via the NSS results site and Unistats web-site.

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Introduction

1. This circular provides information on the next steps in the 2014 National Student Survey (NSS) process, including the timetable for when institutions will be able to access their results via the NSS results site and Unistats web-site. No action is required in response.
2. HEFCW would like to thank all participating institutions for their commitment and contribution to the 2014 NSS.

NSS results website

3. From 1 August 2014 the NSS results dissemination web-site is changing, and will be managed by Texuna Technologies Ltd (Texunatech). This change does not apply to the running of the National Student Survey, which will continue to be managed by Ipsos MORI. Information regarding this change was provided by Ipsos MORI to the agreed NSS results contact at each institution in April.
4. Ipsos MORI will continue to provide access to previous NSS results until 31 July 2014. After this date access will be provided by Texunatech.
5. On 1 August, Texunatech will launch stage 1 of the **NSS results dissemination site**. Stage 1 will present institutions' own detailed NSS data and can only be viewed by the institution concerned. This release will also include custom analysis functionality allowing institutions to interrogate their own data through the site. The agreed NSS contact at each institution will be sent further details of how to access the data closer to the time.
6. On 8 August, Texunatech will make available, on the NSS results site, a preview of all the 2014 HEFCE NSS institutional benchmark data. **All NSS data are subject to strict embargo until 12 August.**
7. On 15 August, Texunatech will make available, on the NSS results site, institutions' detailed students' comments for 2014, which can only be viewed by the institution concerned.
8. On 21 August, Texunatech will launch stage 2 of the NSS results site. This will include access to all institutions' comparable data through the custom analysis tool.

Publication of the 2014 NSS results

9. The 2014 NSS results, including benchmarked data, will be published on the HEFCE website on 12 August. The information will include sector summary data as well as complete subject-level data for all institutions.

10. In August 2014, Unistats will undergo its annual update to display course data for the following academic year. As part of this, 2014 NSS data which meet the publication threshold (23 students and 50 per cent) will be published on the Unistats web-site together with the updated Key information Set (KIS) data. We will publish a further Circular shortly on KIS 2014, giving details on the processes and timetable for data collection.
11. The data on the Unistats web-site will be available for public access from 28 August 2014.
12. As part of the KIS submission process, from mid-July institutions will be able to access a report showing the Unistats data to be published for all of the courses for which they have submitted a KIS record, which will include the NSS public results. However, as stated in paragraph 5, complete NSS quantitative results will not be available through the dissemination site until 1 August. **All NSS data are subject to strict embargo until 12 August.**

Timetable

13. A summary timetable is provided below for ease of reference.

2014	2014 NSS results
1 August	Stage 1 NSS data available on the Texunatech NSS results site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All historic NSS data will be made available to institutions via the Texunatech NSS site • Institutions' own data at the publication threshold of 50 per cent response rate and 23 responses at overall institution level and JACS subject levels • Institutions' own detailed data at the lower publication threshold (for internal use). • Custom analysis functionality will also be available.
8 August	Texunatech NSS results site Institutions can preview the 2014 HEFCE NSS benchmark data across institutions: all NSS data are under embargo until 12 August.
12 August	HEFCE web-site to publish 2014 NSS results.
15 August	Texunatech to make institutions' own students' open comments available to them by this date.
21 August	Texunatech will launch Stage 2 of the NSS results site. This will include access to all institutions' comparable data through the custom analysis tool.
28 August	Update of Unistats with 2014 dataset.

Further information / responses to

14. If you have any queries regarding the NSS results for 2014, please contact Texunatech (e-mail nss@texunatech.com). If you have any queries regarding the NSS results for 2013, please contact Ipsos MORI (e-mail nss@ipsos.com). For KIS queries, directly funded higher education institutions should contact HESA (e-mail liaison@hesa.ac.uk, tel 01242 211144) and directly funded further education colleges should contact HEFCE, who are dealing with this on behalf of all the funders (e-mail KIS@hefce.ac.uk).