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## The National Student Survey 2022: Publication of data

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This circular provides information on the plans for the publication of the National Student Survey 2022 results.

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## Introduction

1. This circular provides information on the plans for the publication of the National Student Survey 2022 results.
2. The National Student Survey (NSS) is managed by the Office for Students (OfS) on behalf of the UK higher education (HE) funding and regulatory bodies – the Department for the Economy (Northern Ireland), the Scottish Funding Council and the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales. The survey provides information for prospective students and for stakeholders to support a high quality learning experience.
3. The survey is delivered on behalf of the UK HE funding and regulatory bodies by:
  - Ipsos MORI, who are administering the survey
  - Texuna Technologies, who will deliver the NSS Results Portal for providers.
4. In July 2022, there will be a UK-wide consultation on proposed changes to the NSS, with the intention that any new developments be in place from 2023.
5. HEFCW will publish separate information in May 2022 on the publication of the Unistats data set. The Unistats data collection process and [Discover Uni website](#) are managed by OfS on behalf of the UK HE funding and regulatory bodies. The Discover Uni website provides information for prospective students about higher education courses delivered by providers in the UK.

## Publication of 2022 NSS data

6. NSS data will be published on the [OfS website](#) at **09.30** on **Wednesday 6 July 2022**.
7. Publication and dissemination of the NSS 2022 results depends on final agreement from the UK funding and regulatory bodies following the quality review of the data. A decision on whether it is appropriate to aggregate the results with the 2021 NSS will also be made following analysis.
8. Providers will be able to access their own detailed NSS results including subject level question responses and open text comments via the NSS Results Portal from **09.30** on **Wednesday 6 July 2022**.
9. The OfS applies the Code of Practice for Statistics to the publication of NSS results data. More information about the Code of Practice can be found on the [OfS website](#).

## NSS data dissemination portal

10. Further technical information on the NSS Results Portal release will be made available in the NSS Results Portal newsletter. This will be issued by Texuna to all active NSS contacts on the Portal in June 2022.

11. Texuna will be in touch with existing provider contacts to request that contact details are confirmed or updated as appropriate from June 2022, ahead of the publication of the NSS data on the NSS Results Portal. Ensuring that these details are up to date will help providers access the NSS Results Portal for the NSS 2022 data quickly and easily.
12. From time to time, the underlying dataset for the NSS Results Portal may be subject to minor changes and amended during the year. However, the static reports available via the Results Portal will not be updated for minor changes. Static reports should therefore be understood as capturing a snapshot of the data, correct at the time of publication.
13. As in 2021, alongside the NSS 2022 results, an average agreement rate based on the results from 2020, 2021 and 2022, with each year weighted evenly, will be published. OfS are actively seeking feedback on this data and will review it ahead of the 2023 results publication.
14. NHS placement questions will not be published as part of the NSS 2022 dataset on the OfS website. Providers will be able to receive their own responses to these questions through the portal.
15. For 2022, there are some minor changes to the portal, as follows:
  - The 'gender' category label will change to 'sex'. This more accurately reflects the available values in this category, which are predominantly derived from the HESA SEXID field. The values within this split will not change for 2022.
  - In previous years, static reports generated from the portal have been in both xls and xlsx formats. However, in 2022 and future years, all static reports generated from the Portal will be in the xlsx format.
  - The 2021 survey included questions about the impact of Covid-19 on the student experience. These questions were not repeated in the 2022 survey and so no related data will be available. The Covid-19 data from the 2021 survey will remain in the 2021 static reports and can still be checked in custom reports.

## **Further information**

16. For queries relating to providers' detailed results on the NSS Results Portal, contact Texuna Technologies Limited, email [nss@texunatech.com](mailto:nss@texunatech.com).
17. For queries about the release and publication of NSS results, contact the NSS team at the OfS, email [nss@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:nss@officeforstudents.org.uk).
18. For queries about publication of the NSS within the Unistats dataset, contact the Discover Uni team at the OfS, email [discoveruni@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:discoveruni@officeforstudents.org.uk).
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