

Single Individualised Learner Record

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Summary

- a single restructured learner record in XML (single ILR)
- progress
- implementation
- key messages for providers
- future development

A single restructured learner record in XML format

- Three areas of significant change:
 - single learner record
 - restructured learner record
 - learner record in XML format

Single ILR Progress (1)

- Design Authority established to authorise main decisions and principles –met 4 times
- provider consultation through *information authority* provider groups
- working closely with MIS suppliers since November 2010

Single ILR Progress (2)

- version 2 of flat file ILR specification published at end of February 2011 to include late ILR changes
- single ILR specification and XML schema published at end of February 2011
- single ILR specification, XSD and business rules updated with corrections on 14 April 2011

Single ILR Implementation (1)

- implementation for providers during 2011/12
- provider prepares data in current flat file ILR format or single ILR format
- the data that providers are asked to collect for 2011/12 is the same regardless of the output format
- enhanced LIS provides functionality to support move to single ILR
- all 2012/13 returns in single ILR format

Single ILR Implementation (2)

- no separate collections during year
- single year end hard close date
- collection timetable will:
 - identify the date by which each return is requested
 - describe the purpose of the return
 - define for which learners data must be sent
 - aim to be published by end of May
- all data stored in a year to date database

Single ILR Implementation (3)

Providers can send :

- full returns containing all learners (A file)
- update only files containing a subset of learners (B file)
- using only one transmission method. Providers using both POL and batch will need to move to batch only transmission for 2011/12

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Key messages for providers (1)

- send one file for 2011/12 containing all learners at the provider regardless of funding model
- need to nominate one function only to be responsible for merging and transmitting all files to OLDC
- careful management of file transmission numbers is required, particularly when merging files

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Key messages for providers (2)

- if records for a learner are currently included in more than one collection with different learner reference numbers the two records for 2011/12 can be:
 - merged together to form a single learner record, or
 - held as separate records
- duplicate learner reference numbers must be cleansed for 2011/12, that is, the same number cannot be used for more than one learner

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Key messages for providers (3)

- any changes made to learner reference numbers must be reported to the Data Service (old to new mapping for success rates)
- an A file will always replace all learner data for the provider – so make sure this contains all learners
- need to understand single ILR even if you input ILR flat files into LIS as:
 - data in the LIS will be stored in single file format
 - validation will be reported in single file terminology

Future development

- make more use of XML functionality
- the single ILR data model and XML can more easily accommodate future changes
- simplification from the Skills Funding Agency expected in 2012/13
- [2012/13 ILR change request process](#) is open

Further information

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For the single ILR specification, data model and mapping document:

http://www.theia.org.uk/ilr/ilrdocuments/201112_ilrdetail.htm

Further information on the enhancements to data collection systems:

http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/News/enhancements_dc_systems