

## Quality Statement for the Statistical First Release

When considering data for inclusion in the Statistical First Release (SFR) “Post-16 Education & Skills: Learner Participation, Outcomes and Level of Highest Qualification Held”, we make an assessment of its quality. This assessment is based on the volume of learning providers that have returned ILR data for the data collections related to that release.

This is in line with the *Information Authority* standards that can be found here: <http://www.theia.org.uk/ilr/dataquality/>

The quality of data will be assessed for each of the funding streams that will have data included in the Statistical First Release. This will be monitored and checked prior to each publication, to ensure that it is sufficiently complete to allow for the construction of reliable statistical estimates.

If data is not sufficiently complete, then it will not be included in the Statistical First Release. This data will instead be provided in future releases, when the quality of data is sufficiently high.

Where data contributes to headline figures in a Statistical First Release, we will either:

1. Delay the publication date of the whole Release until such time as the data is sufficiently complete; or
2. Publish an annex that includes the relevant data as is, and look to replace this with more robust estimates as soon as they become available.

### Feedback and Queries

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