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Dear Mr Pierce

Update on transparency information requirements for data relating to the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years

We are writing to you with details of the action we need you to take to publish this year's transparency information.

This year, only providers that registered with the OfS on or before 19 March 2026 need to publish the information. The deadline to publish is Friday 8 May 2026.

Details on information relating to the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years

Publishing transparency information is a mandatory requirement in the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (HERA) and you can find out more on our website.¹ Annex A includes a notice that sets out our requirement for the publication of the transparency information.

Our requirement for providers to submit transparency information was paused temporarily in 2024, while we refocused our resources on the financial challenges facing universities and colleges. This requirement is now being reinstated in spring 2026.

In previous years, we have asked providers to publish in the autumn, and have provided data from the previous academic year. We're now asking that this information is published in the spring, as this change of publication date will allow us to provide you with more up to date information to publish. This year, that means we will be providing you with two academic years of data. In future years, you will only need to publish one year of data.

¹ See [Condition F1: Transparency information - Office for Students](#).

How to access the transparency information and what we need you to do

The transparency information will be made available by the OfS on Thursday 26 March via the OfS portal. This includes the files which need to be published on your website by Friday 8 May. You do not need to generate any additional information.

We have extracted data relating to the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years for providers from the individualised student data returned in the Student record (collected by the designated data body), and the Individualised Learner Record (collected by the Department for Education).

The information has been extracted for all providers that registered with the OfS on or before 19 March 2026 and have returned individualised student data relating to 2023-24, 2024-25 or both.

Please see the published guidance to support you to access and publish the data.²

In 2023, we asked registered providers to publish a reduced set of transparency information. We have decided to continue to require the publication of a reduced set of transparency information for 2026. The information includes the following parts of condition F1 which relate to section 9(2)(e) and 9(3) of HERA:

- the number of students who attained a particular degree or other academic award, or a particular level of such an award, on completion of their course with the provider
- include those numbers by reference to one or more of the following:
 - a. the sex of individuals to which they relate³
 - b. their ethnicity
 - c. their socioeconomic background.

In previous years, we have requested providers to return the URL to the webpage which includes the transparency information. This is not a requirement for this year.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please email us at regulation@officeforstudents.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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² See [Transparency information - Office for Students](#).

³ Section 9 of HERA refers to 'gender'; the data collected from higher education providers and provided for publication as part of the Transparency information 2023 relates to 'sex'.

Annex A: Notice of requirements under ongoing condition F1

To: The governing body, St Helens College

Notice under general ongoing condition of registration F1: transparency information

Whereas:

- (A) The Provider is registered by the Office for Students (“OfS”) on or before 19 March 2026 in accordance with section 3 of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (HERA) on the register of English Higher Education Providers.
- (B) The Provider constitutes a prescribed higher education provider for the purposes of the Higher Education (Transparency Condition and Financial Support) (England) Regulations 2018, and consequently was informed that it is subject to general ongoing condition of registration F1 in its registration decision letter.
- (C) Pursuant to general ongoing condition of registration F1, the Provider is required to publish, in the manner and form specified by the OfS, Specified Information as set out in section 9 of HERA.

Therefore:

Pursuant to general ongoing condition of registration F1, the Provider is required to publish the Specified Information at the Specified Time and in the Specified Manner as defined in the table below.

Definitions:

Item	“Specified Information”	“Specified Manner”	“Specified Time”
A	The data contained in the document titled “XXXXXXXXX_transparency_information_2026.xlsx” (where XXXXXXXXX is your provider’s eight digit UK Provider Reference Number (UKPRN)). This was made available to providers by the OfS on 26 March 2026.	The Specified Information must be published on its website in such a way as to be easily accessible for students and for anyone who might be seeking this information.	No later than 1800 on 8 May 2026.

Signed on behalf of the OfS and authorised for that purpose:



Suzanne Carrie
Head of Student Equality and Welfare
26 March 2026