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Welcome

Welcome to Update, the Agency's weekly round-up of business-critical information and news for colleges, providers and key stakeholders in the further education (FE) learning and skills sector.

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Further Education Public Information framework - dissemination and publication of outputs

Information Action

FE Public Information (formerly Framework for Excellence) scores for 2010/11 have been shared with providers through the Provider Gateway. Should you have any difficulties in accessing the Provider Gateway or the reports please contact the [Service Desk](#) for assistance

This release will allow providers to check their data and to give their comments, if any, by **19 January** to allow for publication on 26 January 2012.

If you have any queries about the data in your reports please email the [Service Desk](#) or telephone 0870 267 0001.

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Take part in National Apprenticeship Week

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The fifth annual National Apprenticeship Week will take place from 6-10 February 2012.

Coordinated by the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS), it is designed to celebrate Apprenticeships and the positive impact they have on individuals and businesses. The theme for this year's Week is "Get with Apprenticeships", which will complement the new national marketing campaign for Apprenticeships.

Everyone with an interest in Apprenticeships can get involved in the Week. A [toolkit](#) with lots of practical advice and ideas to help organisations plan their own events is available on the Apprenticeships [website](#).

A national [calendar of events](#) is also available on the website, so you can find out what is happening in your local area.

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Apprenticeship vacancies – provider profiles

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There are currently a significant amount of providers with missing or incomplete profiles on Apprenticeship vacancies. As a result they are not appearing on any searches that employers or candidates complete, and are potentially missing out on business.

To complete or update your profile, visit the 'Maintain your profile' section on your home page and follow the instructions.

Further guidance on this can be found under the Partners section of the Apprenticeships [website](#).

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Apprenticeship vacancies – forthcoming developments

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The Apprenticeship vacancies team is currently working on the next update to the Apprenticeship vacancies system, Release 5a, which is due out this spring.

This release will reflect the changes that have been made to provider contracts following Minimum Contract Levels in 2011/12 and will mean that subcontractors will appear on Apprenticeship vacancies under their lead contract and not as individual sites.

Further information will be available soon.

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