



Investigations: alleviating uncertainty in the education and skills sectors

It is an unfortunate fact that allegations of fraudulent activity, taking place in relation to learners and funding, happen. Hopefully, you will never receive a letter from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) notifying you that they have received an allegation that there are concerns in relation to your provision or a whistleblowing allegation relating to funding irregularities, but if you do don't panic.

Having undertaken numerous investigations and being one of three firms under contract to the ESFA for funding assurance we have the skills and background to understand the potential issues that could result in an allegation of concerns. We also have a clear understanding of the complexities of these investigations and the need for discretion when making contact with learners and employers.

We will work with you to determine the scope of work to be undertaken, based on the allegations received, including any script that may need to be agreed with the ESFA in relation to direct contact with learners and employers.

We operate on a 'no surprises' basis and will keep you informed of any potential issues as the work progresses, ensuring that you can respond to any ESFA requests for updates in a timely manner.

Our reports will clearly detail the original allegation, the work carried out and the findings of both our file reviews and direct learner/employer contact as appropriate.

Where our findings support the original allegation, we will discuss a way forward with you so that the investigation can be drawn to satisfactory conclusion, both from your and the ESFA's point of view.

What do I do next?

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