

Inspection visits to further education and skills providers judged to require improvement

Formal consultation

About the consultation

We are proposing a change to inspection visits to further education and skills providers that are judged to require improvement.

Currently providers who are judged 'requires improvement' receive support and challenge visits which result in unpublished letters. We propose to change this visit to a single inspection monitoring visit resulting in a published report with progress judgements.

- We consider that this change will help providers who require improvement to improve and help us better focus our inspection resources. Reports will evaluate the progress providers are making in implementing the recommendations from the last inspection.
- Ofsted has a duty to learners, apprentices and employers, as well as to providers, to be open and transparent. Publishing monitoring visit reports will help everyone to know more about the progress being made.

Subject to this consultation, this new arrangement will apply to any provider that is found to be requires improvement from now onwards (10 November 2017).

The monitoring visit to requires improvement providers would happen around 7 to 13 months after the last inspection. The re-inspection of requires improvement providers will still occur 12 to 24 months after the last inspection.

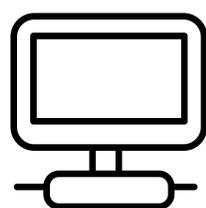
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