

# Annual report from the designated data body

## Issue

1. Annex A contains the annual report from the designated data body as required under paragraph 8 of schedule 6 of HERA

## Recommendations

2. The board is invited to note the report

## Further information

3. Available from Richard Puttock.

## Background

4. The designated data body is required to produce an annual report under paragraph 8 of schedule 6 of HERA.

## Discussion

5. The report at Annex A describes how the designated data body has performed its functions during the second year of designation including delivery of the data futures programme. The report includes reporting on the KPIs that are included within the designation agreement and commentary on the quality and timeliness of data from registered providers.
6. HESA has largely delivered the information functions although there are a number of areas for improvement. The most substantial area where HESA have not delivered our expectations is in respect of the response rates to the Graduate Outcomes survey where the overall response rate was below target and the response rates varied significantly by provider. HESA have undertaken a range of activities in the second year of Graduate Outcomes in order to improve response rates and are projecting that they will be much closer to the KPIs in this second year. While we are keen to ensure a uniform and high response rate to the survey the current response rates would not preclude us using the data in our regulatory activities.

### Recommendation:

7. The board is invited to note the report

## Paper publication date

8. The paper and report can be published immediately