

## Sub-contractual arrangements – explanation of data

On 1 April 2018 the Office for Students (OfS) commenced operation as the regulator for higher education in England. A new [Regulatory framework](#) (OfS 2018.01) has been published which will come into force from 1 August 2019.

From 1 April 2018 until 31 July 2019, when the new regulatory framework comes into full effect, transitional regulatory arrangements are in place. During this time, the OfS will operate through a combination of powers and duties from previous legislation and the new Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (HERA) powers and duties. Further guidance for providers on how they will be regulated during the transition period can be found in Regulatory Notices 2 (OfS 2018.12) and 3 (OfS 2018.13).

Data about providers regulated during the transition period, can be found in four downloadable data files (in CSV or XML format):

- [Provider level data](#)
- [Course level data for providers with specific course designation](#)
- [Designated locations data for providers with specific course designation](#)
- [Sub-contractual arrangements for providers that are currently funded up to 31 July 2019 by the OfS.](#)

This document explains the meaning of the data within the **sub-contractual arrangements data files**, where there are links between the data and where further information can be found. References to 'columns' throughout refer to the data in CSV format.

The meaning of the data within the other files is explained in separate explanation documents.

For queries in relation to this regulatory data please contact [regulation@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:regulation@officeforstudents.org.uk)

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## Sub-contractual arrangements for providers that are currently funded up to 31 July 2019 by the OfS

The OfS collects information about sub-contractual arrangements from the providers that it currently funds.

In this context, a sub-contractual arrangement is where a provider that is currently funded by the OfS up to 31 July 2019, delivers some higher education through another provider. Students are registered with the funded provider (the lead provider) but taught by a different provider (the delivering provider) for some or all of the course.

Course level information related to the sub-contractual arrangement is not available.

Information on sub-contractual arrangements is collected annually in November and December, and updated in this data each January. Any changes to providers' sub-contractual arrangements made after the data is collected annually will not be reflected until the following January unless we are notified of the change by the provider we currently fund.

	Data	Explanation
A	UKPRN of lead provider	<p>This is the unique identifier allocated to a provider by the UK Register of Learning Providers (UKRLP).</p> <p>The lead provider in the sub-contractual relationship will be receiving higher education public funding from the OfS.</p>
B	Legal name of lead provider	<p>The legal name of the lead provider in the sub-contractual relationship.</p> <p>Legal names are sourced from the <a href="#">UK Register of Learning Providers</a> (UKRLP), and are verified by the UKRLP from a recognised legal source, such as Royal Charter, Companies House etc.</p> <p>Providers may also use one or more trading name(s) and these are detailed in the provider level data.</p>
C	UKPRN of delivering higher education provider	<p>This is the unique identifier allocated to a provider by the <a href="#">UK Register of Learning Providers</a> (UKRLP).</p> <p>This provider will be delivering some higher education on behalf of the lead provider.</p>
D	Legal name of delivering higher education provider	<p>The legal name of the provider delivering some higher education on behalf of the lead provider in the sub-contractual relationship.</p> <p>Legal names are sourced from the <a href="#">UK Register of Learning Providers</a> (UKRLP), and are verified by the UKRLP from a recognised legal source, such as Royal Charter, Companies House etc.</p> <p>Providers may also use one or more trading name(s) and these are detailed in the provider level data.</p>