



Dear Colleague

HEDIIP Data Collection Inventory Review

The Higher Education Data and Information Improvement Programme would like to inform you of an important development in relation to the Inventory Review project.

HEDIIP has been established to enhance arrangements for the collection, sharing and dissemination of data and information about Higher Education. The [Data Collection Inventory](#) lists details of more than 500 collections by over 260 data collectors and the Inventory Review project is examining ways in which the inventory could be strengthened for the benefit of data collectors and HE providers and to facilitate the aims of the new data collection landscape.

We are extremely grateful for all of the responses received to the consultation exercise which formed the first part of the inventory review in December 2015 and January 2016. The outcomes of this consultation are described in the consultation outcomes report and a detailed results report, both of which may be accessed from the [project webpage](#). The Project Board approved the recommendations made in the report and the format for a new version of the inventory has been developed. The next phase of the project will gather information to be used to populate this.

I am therefore contacting you to ask for your help once again so that we may develop as complete and accurate an inventory of data collections relating to HE in the UK as possible. We are seeking input from data collectors, about their data collection activities, and from HE providers and others about the data collection requests that they are aware of.

To participate in this, please either:

- Complete the survey which has been designed for data collectors and can be found at:
<https://hesa.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/inventoryreview>

The survey will be available from **Friday 8th April – Friday 6th May** inclusive.

Or

- HE providers may find it more convenient to complete the pro forma spreadsheet which can be found at:
<https://hediip.ac.uk/inventory-review/> and then email it to info@hediip.ac.uk

Alternatively, if you have compiled your own inventory of data collections that your institution responds to and are happy to share this with HEDIIP then please send it by email to info@hediip.ac.uk

Finally, if you would prefer to provide information directly to the project team or have any other comments or feedback on the inventory review, please let the HEDIIP Programme Management Office know by emailing info@hediip.ac.uk.

Many thanks,

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