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Dear [insert head of provider name]

National Student Survey 2020

In May 2020, the UK funding and regulatory bodies announced plans for the publication of the National Student Survey (NSS) 2020 results.¹ In that publication, the UK funding and regulatory bodies also committed to assess any impact the coronavirus outbreak has had on the results and to making professional judgements about the survey's statistical reliability.

The UK funding and regulatory bodies have agreed to a revised date for the publication of the NSS 2020 results. The data will be published on the OfS website at 0930 on Wednesday 15 July 2020.

Having completed an initial assessment of the impact of the pandemic, we are confident that the NSS results for 2020 provide reliable information about the student experience, and therefore should be published. We require the additional time to complete our assessment and to consider whether any changes to the data presentation is necessary. For full transparency, we will publish our assessment alongside the results.

If you have any queries, please email NSS@officeforstudents.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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¹ For providers in England and Northern Ireland, please see:

<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/national-student-survey-2020-publication-of-data/>

For providers in Scotland, please see:

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/guidance/2020/SFCGD042020.aspx>

For providers in Wales, please see:

https://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2020/W20%2012HE%20National%20Student%20Survey%202020%20Publication%20of%20Data.pdf