





What is Assurance?

- The ESFA assurance approach is a financial funding review only
- Confirms funding claimed is compliant with the funding rules on a sample basis and wider data review
- Follows the errors ring-fence issue and follow up with additional samples
- · Reports on non-compliance only
- Does not cover educational content or quality
- We don't grade you
- We don't give out gold stars



What the approach covers

D6 FM25

Maximum sample size of 50

20 questions covering areas such as eligibility, condition of funding, planned hours, attendance, work experience and industrial placement

More work done via PDSAT review - planned hours, under 16s, OfS provision



Funding Assurance - changes

- Unlikely that reviews will take place onsite for 2019/20
- · Remote review of evidence
- Better understanding of how your evidence maps to questions and clear cross-referencing
- Increased use of Teams, Skype etc. to deliver feedback



Impact of Covid-19

- Business as usual from 1 August 2019 to Lockdown (March 2020)
- Evidence of continued activity beyond this date
- Aims that were assessed up to point of lockdown and recording end dates in the ILR
- Usage of LDM 368 withdrawal as a direct result of Covid-19







