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Dear colleague,

Further Education Workforce Data Collection

I am writing to you about the Further Education Workforce data collection, which was outlined in Skills for Jobs White Paper back in January 2021. The data collection is a critical way of bringing our knowledge of the FE workforce on a par with that of schools and higher education. It will enable us to plan better and understand the impact of our policies on the workforce and how to shape our policies and support going forward.

As you will be aware, this collection is now a mandatory requirement for all in scope FE providers, and I would like to reiterate the importance of completing it. The deadline for completion has recently been extended to **14 December 2022** to support the sector following feedback.

I am excited to work with you to improve the sector. While the data collected will be enormously helpful within the Department for Education, outcomes will also be readily available in an anonymised format to support comparisons and benchmarking of your institution against other relevant providers.

I want to take the opportunity to thank you in advance for your contribution to this vital work.

Yours sincerely,

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