

1. A slightly revised [‘further education and skills inspection handbook’](#) for inspections from September 2018 which clarifies matters related to:

- Monitoring visits to newly-directly funded providers
- Monitoring visits for further education and skills providers judged to require improvement
- Non re-inspection of apprenticeship provision where a college or provider has been found to be inadequate for overall effectiveness and/or inadequate for its apprenticeship provision and that provider has been removed from RoATP/ had its apprenticeship funding terminated
- Information on learners aged under 16 for the inspection of safeguarding

2. Ofsted will continue its increased focus on the management and quality of subcontracted provision on its inspections as part of full and short inspections. As regards inspection reporting, that may entail making reference to individual subcontractors where that is appropriate - but of course that will be in the context of their contribution to the main contractor’s provision as a whole. Ofsted will continue to list the main subcontractors on the ‘provider detail’ page of the report.

You will need to inform any subcontractors you have of this increased focus on subcontracted provision and the form it may take in terms of inspections and monitoring visits.

3. Ofsted will shortly be writing to you with details of the following online surveys: Learner View, Employer View and the parents/ carers online questionnaire, as we always do in September. These provide your users with the means of giving their views to Ofsted. That is a source of valuable information for any future inspection.

4. Ofsted have been developing a revised inspection framework, which they are calling the Education Inspection Framework (EIF), intended for implementation from September 2019. They are planning to engage with their external stakeholders, including providers, with their latest thinking and developments on the EIF during the autumn. There will be a public consultation, including on the new further education and skills inspection handbook, early in 2019.

5. Ofsted is rolling out its Electronic Evidence Gathering (EEG) tool for use on inspections during the course of the autumn and spring terms. It’s simply a matter of inspectors using digital means rather than paper forms for capturing inspection evidence.