

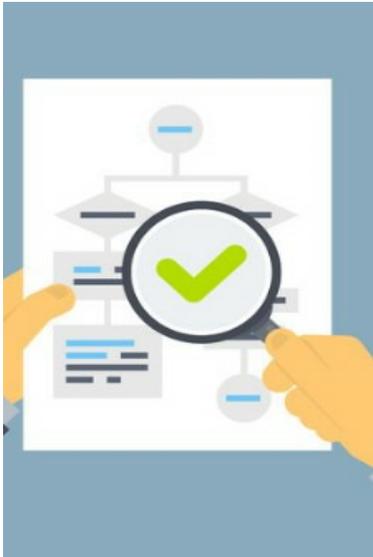
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All Education Providers live by the integrity and accuracy of their data. At Agency audit the use of the Provider Data Self Assessment Toolkit "DSAT" forms a significant part of the process but few Providers really understand the reports it produces. One of our specialist services is the evaluation and review of DSAT during the year, particularly for those Providers that might not be large enough to employ a data expert full time. We recommend a bi-monthly review of data is sufficient for Providers with fewer than 200 learners but as

is the case with most of our work it is rare we don't spot something of real benefit to the client. A one off review may be just what you need for piece of mind. We can tailor an approach dependent upon your needs. This could be a mock SFA or EFA full audit, general claims testing or it might just be claims testing for a particular sector or department you have concerns with.

Another service we can perform is a more formative review of data, in that there are many data checks that can be done in addition to DSAT to identify over and underclaims or other areas of risk.

## DID YOU KNOW?

It is amazing how many Providers think that to correct DSAT you have to make the learner query disappear. Many reports on DSAT are merely queries and a learner that may look like an error may not be. At one client in 13/14 they changed a significant number of learners to co-funded because DSAT raised the query that they had full funding. All were in fact due full funding based on the Fee Contributions rules in the year they started.

In identifying their fee status correctly we were able to recoup the £15,000 they had incorrectly taken off their claim.

