

Request Ref 4998 – Documents requested.

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Subject: Oak National Academy casework

Hi [REDACTED]

We have received some casework in on a recent report by Oak National Academy entitled: [Workload and curriculum: what have teachers told us](#).

The complaint raises several concerns regarding the use of Teacher Tapp – you may remember we discussed this with you in the summer in relation to the claim that ‘46% of primary school teachers design lessons from scratch’. Our view is that, although they are not a member of the Market Research Society, Teacher Tapp do provide sufficient information on methodology information for users to make informed judgements about the quality of their results.

The complaint also raises concerns about the report more generally including the lack of a methodology section, limited information on sampling and questionnaire design etc. In our view, while Oak have included some methodology information, it is inconsistent throughout the report and there is the potential for them to include more information on the various data sources they have drawn from including any relevant strengths and limitations.

Given that Oak has recently become an NDPB of DfE, we feel that it would be useful for them to be aware of best practice guidance for reports such as these. Happy for you to do this as part of your ongoing engagement with them or for us to contact them directly – let me know your preference.

Thanks

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for this.

I've not had any dealings with Oak directly, but I'll ask around and find out how they're managed.

The answer to your question is probably going to be dictated by how quickly you need to respond. Do you need to talk to them before you close this casework off?

If so, I'll ask around for a couple of names, including who has analytical links and maybe we can make contact and give them a brief intro to you, and set up a further conversation?

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Hi [REDACTED],

From a casework side I think it should be fine for us to say that we plan to engage with Oak on this matter (pending Ed's approval). At this point in time I don't think there is a need for urgency so if you're happy to facilitate a meeting for all of us in the next few weeks/January that would be great.

Thanks

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Ok. Great.

Thanks

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Subject: Agenda for today's catch up

Hi [REDACTED],

Here is our list of things to cover in our catch up today:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Oak National Academy
- [Redacted]
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25th January 2023 - DfE Catch-up

DfE: [Redacted]

OSR: [Redacted] Emily Carless, [Redacted]

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Oak National Academy

DfE had a conversation with Oak National Academy about what needs to be done for future reports. Will leave it a few months then have a conversation about VA. We will let DfE know if there is anything further that we are concerned about.

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