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I have now spoken with the later than the Daily Telegraph about their data request, which was discussed at last month's DMAP meeting. They have clarified that their aim is compare the performance of schools at the level of individual subject factoring in variations in the type of student enrolled at each school. They are not looking to compare the performance of individual teachers and have offered "cast iron assurances that no children will be identified through our use of this data".

Following this discussion they are content to receive tier 2 level data comprising the KS2, KS4 and KS5 datasets matched to the school census. We are planning on supplying them 5 years of data which they will be able to use for up to 12 months. This contrasts with their original request for all datasets for all years at tier 1 level.

It appears the Daily Telegraph did not understand exactly what the datasets contained, which is why their original request was so broad. The data we are planning to supply will include prior attainment, aggregated ethnic group, aggregated language group, eligibility for Free School Meals and a SEN flag. These fields are to differentiate between the different intakes that schools have.

Based on the feedback received at the last DMAP meeting we are intending to proceed with issuing data outlined above. The request met the security requirements at both tier 1 and tier 2 level.

Regards

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