



NCER Membership Charge

NCER are pleased to report that the NCER membership charge for 2021-22 **will not be increasing**, remaining the same as the 2020-21 charge.

The NCER Managing Director will confirm each local authority charge and the payment arrangements in November 2020.

Please note that NCER CLA Analysis and NCER CIN Analysis are now part of the NCER core service and will not be charged separately.

NCER Technical Support Director

NCER are pleased to announce that Paul Caladine from Calderdale Council has been appointed to the **new NCER Technical Support Director** post. Paul has many years of local authority experience with NCER systems and will be supporting LAs to get the most out of NCER Nexus through enhancements to training and support.

NCER Nexus Update

2020 has been another busy year for LAs and NCER. The NCER 2020-21 development plan had to be rapidly changed due to the cancellation of 2020 assessments and examinations. New developments were released swiftly into NCER Nexus allowing primary and secondary optional imports which have enabled LAs to continue to offer reporting services to their schools this year.

2020 Primary Predicted Outcomes

This new service for primary outcomes, offering LA, regional and NCER National comparator data sets, is still open to LAs to load school data. Guidance is available [here](#).

The October 2020 NCER Nexus release will see the Primary Predicted Outcomes service **roll forward for 2021** allowing LAs to collect in year primary data for the first time.

2020 KS4 Results

This new service remains open to LAs to load school data and also offers LA, regional and NCER National comparator data. Guidance is available [here](#).

NCER will be **rolling this service forward for**

2020 NCER Annual Members' Meeting

We are pleased to report that the **online 2020 NCER Annual Members' Meeting** proved very popular with **199** LA officers attending to find out about future NCER Nexus developments. Click [here](#) to view the webinar and presentations from the event. The **minutes of the 2020 NCER AGM** can be found in Nexus > Documents > NCER > NCER Consortium and the **final NCER CIC Annual Report for 2019-20** with approved and audited accounts can be viewed [here](#).

We are planning for the **2021 NCER Annual Members' Meeting** to be held at the ICC in Birmingham on 13th May 2021 however, we are reviewing national COVID guidelines.

2021 to allow LAs to load KS4 pupil level data into NCER Nexus on results day.

NCER Nexus Webinar for School Improvement

NCER and Angel recently held a series of webinars to support school improvement teams get the most out of NCER Nexus. Please click [here](#) to view the webinar.

2020 Phonics (autumn collection)

NCER Nexus importing, checking and reporting services will be rolled forward to support LAs with the statutory 2020 Phonics autumn collection.

2021 EYFS Early Adopters

NCER Nexus will be developed to collect existing EYFS data and data from the EYFS Early Adopter schools. Reporting will be separate for the two different data sets.

NCER CIN Analysis

NCER have introduced the first phase of the new NCER Children in Need (CIN) Analysis allowing LAs to load CIN census data into NCER Nexus. NCER Nova and Insight reporting will be available later in the year for CIN data.

New CIN Contextual Report

Later in the year LAs and Virtual School Heads will benefit from a new contextual report allowing filtering on CIN cohort.

NCER CLA Analysis

New 'Current CLA Cohort' - October

A new import is being released into NCER Nexus in October allowing LAs to load in missing characteristics for CLA pupils that have not matched to January census data, resulting in a new 'Current CLA Cohort'. It will also be possible for the first time to upload pupils who have arrived and delete

those who have left the virtual school at any point in the year. This new 'Current CLA cohort' will be an additional option to the annual 'CLA 903 cohort'. KS4 CLA reports will be available to be run using the new 'Current CLA Cohort' cohort.

New CLA Contextual Report

A new CLA contextual report will be released later in the autumn term allowing LAs and Virtual School Heads to analyse their Virtual School cohorts using multi filter options for contextual factors.

2020 Nexus Security

New 2 Factor Service

A new 2 factor service is going to be rolled out in NCER Nexus in the autumn term which will allow LAs to set up more users with additional security. More information to follow.

Internet Explorer support ceasing

Support for applications such as Office 365 in Internet Explorer are due to cease soon. NCER recommend LAs start to use alternative browsers (e.g. Firefox, Google Chrome, Edge) for NCER systems.

2021 NCER / LGA Strategic Use of Data Conference - Social Care

NCER and LGA together with NPIMG (ADCS National Performance Information Management Group) are planning to hold an **online conference on 4 February 2021** outlining systems that are available to support work with individuals and schools through effective education and social care data analysis. This event is aimed at Directors of Children's Services, heads of service, virtual school heads and social care leads. More information to follow.