

## Removing National Pupil Database data where LSYPE respondents dropped out of the survey

- 1. The Longitudinal Surveys Team within DfE takes the responsibility of issuing data very seriously. We aim to protect the confidentiality and identity of LSYPE respondents whilst making data available to academics and other analysts who find great value in the data.
- 2. Following a review of the consent processes used in LSYPE, some important changes have been made to the data which will now be made available to researchers from the National Pupil Database (NPD). NPD data are now only linked to LSYPE survey data for the duration that the young person remained within the study. For example, if a young person was interviewed up to and including wave 3 (academic age 15) but had dropped out by wave 4, data will only be linked in from the NPD up to Key Stage 4. Due to the slight variation in which young people can attain level 3 qualifications (A/AS levels, NVQs or equivalents), Key Stage 5 data will only be made available for respondents who remained in the study up to and including wave 7.