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What to expect from a DfE Funding Assurance Review

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 15:45-16:45

FUNDING Zone

ABOUT THIS SESSION

This practical workshop demystifies the DfE Funding Assurance Review process, offering clarity on what to expect, how to prepare, and how to avoid common compliance pitfalls. With insights on both mainstream funding and support schemes like Bursary and Free Meals, it's your opportunity to ask the experts.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Get up-to-date guidance, learn from real-world assurance findings, and leave with actionable tips to strengthen your funding compliance. This session is also a rare chance to ask auditors your most pressing questions directly.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

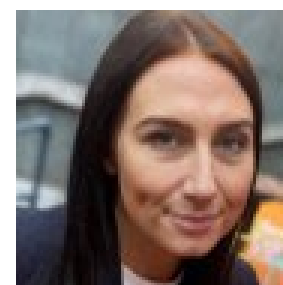
Compliance officers, funding and data managers, finance leads, and operational staff responsible for managing DfE-funded provision, including mainstream funding and learner support schemes. Ideal for those preparing for assurance reviews and looking to strengthen internal controls and audit readiness.

SPEAKER OVERVIEW

Lisa is a full-time specialist in education issues, consultancy, audit and compliance, risk management and governance working from our Leeds office. She is a regular commentator on education sector issues, running annual seminar series events, and is responsible for a portfolio of internal audit and risk management clients across our Higher and Further Education client base. Lisa is directly responsible for the contract that RSM holds with the Department for Education to deliver funding assurance reviews and other ad hoc elements of work on their behalf.



Since 2014 Kirsty worked for a large Employer Provider as an Apprenticeship Practitioner, producing and implementing processes and controls to assist the delivery of Apprenticeships across England, Scotland and Wales. During this time, Kirsty was responsible for a wide range of activity including ILR Returns, ILR Data quality control and management of the Digital Apprenticeship Service account. Kirsty is an advocate of apprenticeships, previously completing two Apprenticeships and then an A1 Assessor Award, previously allowing her to support others in their learning journeys. Since joining RSM in 2022, Kirsty has delivered various Mayoral Combined Authority and DfE funding reviews.





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