

Sir Amyas Morse KCB
Comptroller and Auditor General
National Audit Office
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14 September 2017

Dear Sir Amyas,

I write to you in regard to recent suggestions that the National Audit Office investigate learndirect Limited's provision of Adult Skills Services and Apprenticeships under the Education and Skills Funding Agency contracts.

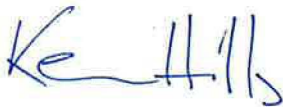
Speaking on behalf of the learndirect board, and whilst I appreciate that the scope of any potential future involvement is still being determined, I would welcome the NAO undertaking an investigation as a means of correcting gross reporting inaccuracies and establishing a clear evidence case for a more informed political and public debate around a complex issue.

I would like to assure your team that we will comply fully with its requirements for access to data, both current and historic, and will provide access to key personnel to support your work.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

I will also be writing to the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee and the Chief Executive of the ESFA to inform them of this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Hills
Chair, learndirect

Cc Meg Hillier, Chair of Public Accounts Committee
Peter Lauener, Chief Executive, Education and Skills Funding Agency

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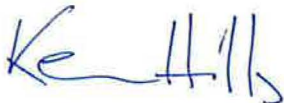
Meg Hillier
Chair
Committee of Public Accounts
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

15 September 2017

Dear Ms Hillier

Please see copies of a letter sent to the NAO yesterday. learndirect strongly disagree with the allegations being made by certain members of the press. We would welcome an investigation by the NAO and will comply with any request for information and make every effort to assist in this.

Yours sincerely



Ken Hills
Chair, learndirect