

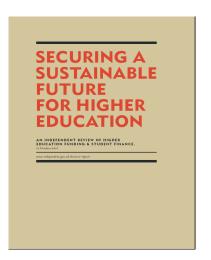
**Supporting Professionalism in Admissions** 

Workshop: National policy changes and fair admissions – What it means for your institution

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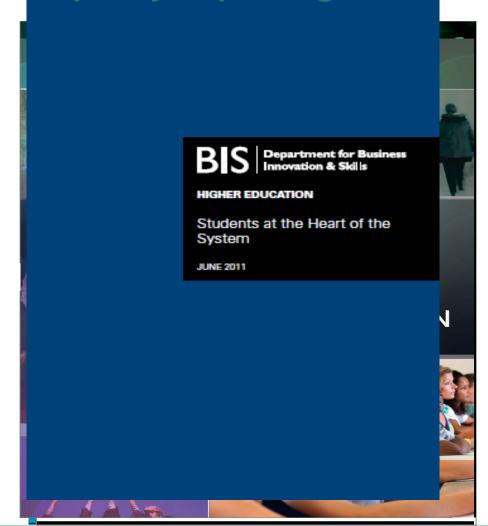
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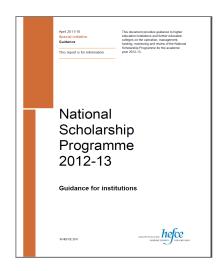
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## What are the issues from these that impact your day job?

Access, Outcome and Progression Agreements

Admissions tests

Changes mid-cycle

Consistency for fairness

Contextual data use

Decision/offer making

Differences between central and devolved services

Differences between recruiting and selecting courses

Fees and financial packages

HEI admissions policy

Interviews

More competitive environment

More complex process

Non-academic requirements

Possibility of legal challenge

Protected characteristics

Published course entry information

Qualification diversity

Reliability and quality of data

Selection after equal consideration deadlines

Student number controls SNCs

Staff training and development

Under represented groups and diversity



## **Discussion**

- Which issues (pick no more than 4) are the most challenging to your institution in terms of fair admissions this year?
- Are these the same as others in the group?
- Have you addressed these? What worked and what didn't work?
- What would you want to happen in your institution to ensure fairer admissions for 2013 and why?





## Thank you Your feedback is welcomed

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