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It has long been acknowledged that the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) has concerns in relation to subcontracted provision, with providers who are planning to subcontract provision for the first time needing to obtain ESFA permission.

As a result of a review of potential risks involved in subcontracting, the ESFA has a requirement for all providers which subcontract more than £100,000 of their provision within the year to obtain an annual report to provide assurance over the controls that they have in place in relation to subcontracted provision.

How can RSM help?

Subcontracting for the first time

We have developed a framework which covers the end-to-end subcontracting process and good practice detailed within “supply chain management – a good practice guide for the post-16 skills sector”.

We understand that, at the time that we are undertaking this work, many of your controls will be theoretical rather than being actively followed, and therefore we will work with you to ensure that your proposed processes and procedures are robust.

Subcontracting controls assurance

We have developed a robust framework to deliver subcontracting controls assurance reviews for existing arrangements which covers all of the elements required within the latest ESFA guidance.

Our comprehensive report provides detail of where requirements are being met, as well as those where improvements are needed and therefore ensures that, if the ESFA were to request a copy of the report, they have a clear picture and context of how your organisation manages subcontracted provision.

Our service offer

Our approach is flexible to your needs, with either remote or on-site options meaning we avoid disrupting your day to day business whilst being responsive to your needs. The frameworks used also means that we can provide you with quick feedback on your existing controls, enabling you to take early action where any issues are identified.

What do I do next?

Any of these packages can be tailored to your requirements and can include Q&A options, training for senior management and governors and attendance at Audit Committee.

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