Investigating the wellbeing returns from post-school education in Scotland using secondary data sources

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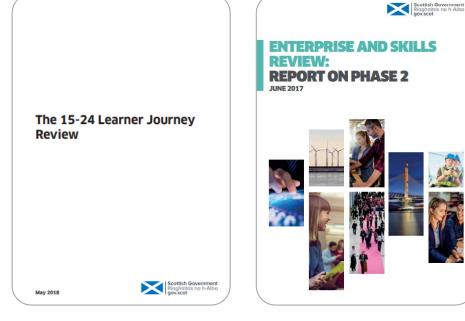






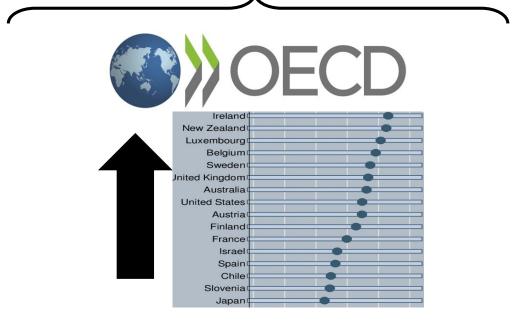
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Policy Context





Policy Drivers



Policy Response

Comprehensive understanding of returns from education

Economic

Individual

Societal

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Public Investment

£2 billion

Learners

34k

Modern Apprentices

120k

College Students

140k

University Students

Society Stakeholders **Individuals Employers** University Pathways College **Apprenticeships**

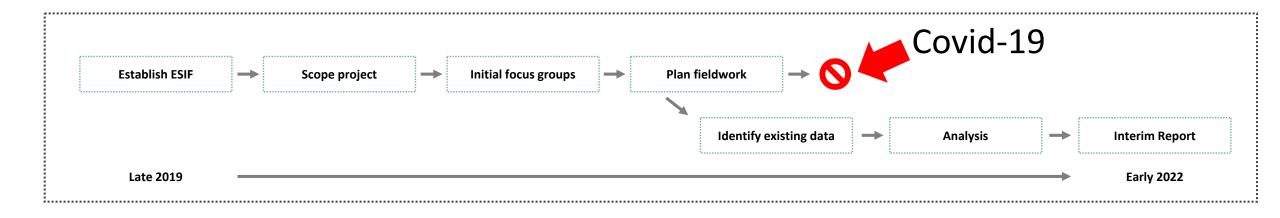
Economic Outcomes

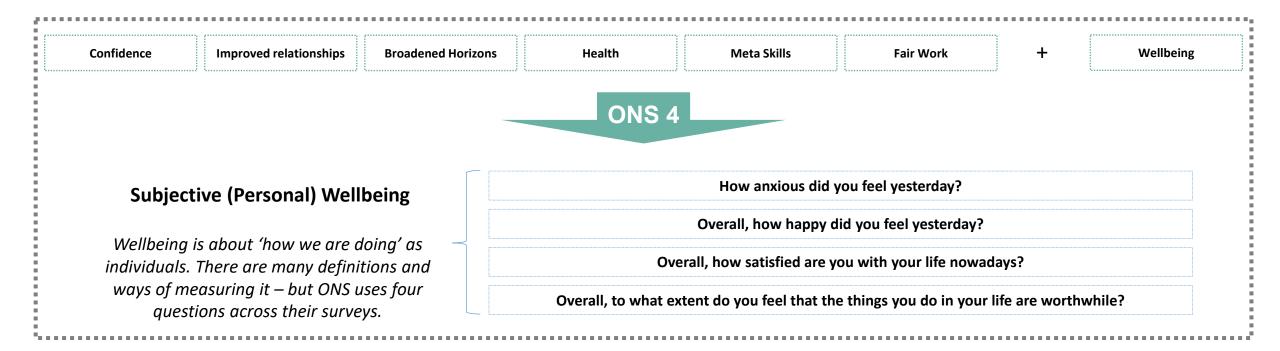
- Economic returns to individuals and society
- ROI to individuals and society
- Returns and ROI to employers for MAs

Non-economic Outcomes

Non-economic outcomes to individuals and society

Aims and Objectives





Our data



Annual Population Survey 2015 - 2020

59,453 respondents who either

- (i) live in Scotland and have no qualifications
- (ii) have Scottish school-level qualifications

3 levels of analysis – caveats for each



Has qualification



Has no qualification



Apprentice Wellbeing Survey

2,000 Modern Apprentices completed their MA in Scotland surveyed 1-3 years post-leaving



HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey

17,000 higher education students* who completed their qualification 15 months ago and graduated from a



Has no qualification



Has school-level qualification



Has post-school qualification



Has no qualification

Scottish institution



Has school-level qualification



NVQ Lvl. 1-3 / Trade App.



HNC/HND/BTEC



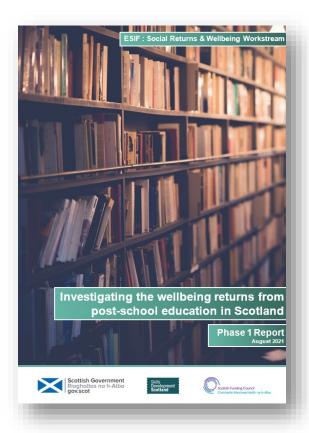
First degree

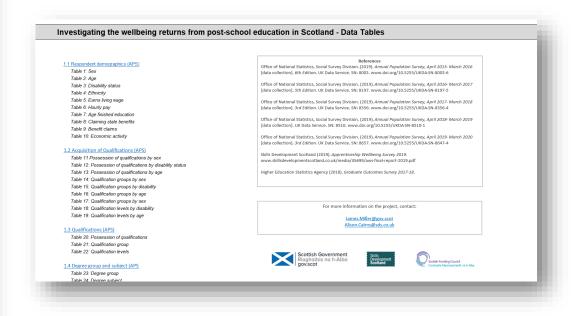


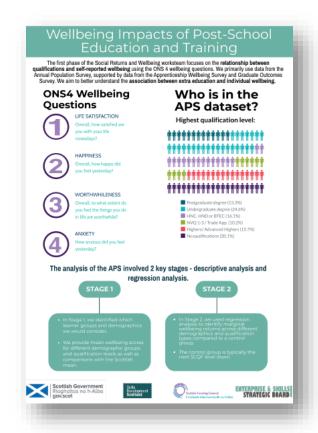
Higher degree

^{* 17.000} refers to the number of students in the curated HESA dataset that went to a Scottish Higher Education

Outputs from Phase 1





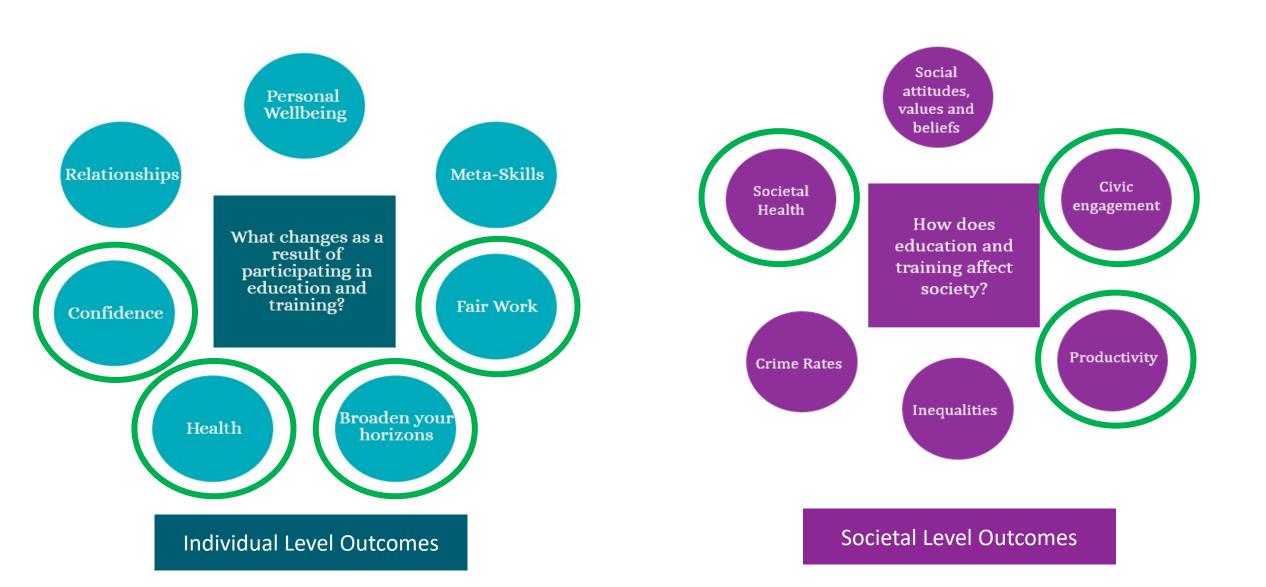


Full phase 1 report

Data tables

Summary infographics

Looking ahead to Phase 2



How can the Annual Population Survey help us?



Three pathways and qualification breakdowns:

- Modern Apprenticeship Leavers
- College Leavers
- University Leavers



Variables that map to outcomes

- Fair work
- Health
- Confidence
- Broaden your horizons
 - Civic engagement
 - Productivity



Additional characteristics in secure version of data that we have gained access to

- Sexual orientation
 - Geographical information (rural/urban and SIMD)

What are we looking to do next?



We have mapped all of our individual and societal level outcomes to indicators and what secondary data is available to explore this further, while also highlighting data gaps.



Have regular expert panel meetings with subject experts from academia, public and third sector where we gain useful feedback on our approach.



We are currently exploring how we might make use of Understanding Society data in our project.



Access to secure data has been granted.



Currently conducting secondary data analysis on the secure version of APS for the individual and societal level outcomes



We are making plans for primary data collection to fill evidence gaps but to also explore the issue of causality that we have not currently been able to address through our secondary data analysis.

Questions?

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