

Unanswered & useful questions from Nexus Absence webinar – 17th January 2024

This document summarises the answers to questions posed during the webinar that others may find useful and also those questions that were not answered on the day.

Q: For CIN data where do you get the data from? Is it from the CIN Census input which pulls in data from 1st April - 31st March each year?

A: The CIN cohort is drawn from the CIN census, submitted by the LA Children's Social Care to the DfE in June each year (with a position at March 31st). This is loaded into Nexus by each LA.

Q: What do we mean by non-statistical absence?

A: Non-statistical absence are codes that are included in the data returned by schools, but do not feature in the absence calculations made by the Department (or in Nexus.) For example if the school is forced to close by bad weather (exceptional circumstances code Y) then it would not be fair on the school to include that as pupil absence and so it is excluded from both the numerator and the denominator in the calculations.

Q: Is it possible to view this analysis for a single school?

A: Yes, go to options – select Cope and select School. You can then specify the school

Q: Is it possible to see absence data for all schools in one view?

A: Yes, you can export the data from Keypas – Tree View. You can also use Insight – Tables functionality and potentially combine the data with other areas that you are interested in from the same export

Q: How do I set up a group under the scope option and can I name the groups so that there is an explanation of what is in each group?

A: See this handy help page in Nexus: <https://ncer.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4412968723857-School-groups-for-reporting-and-analysis>

Q: On the phase filter, does 'Secondary (all)' include All Through Schools (these are included in the SFR released by the Department)

A: Yes, secondary contains All Through schools.

Q: Does the absence analysis include PRU Pupils?

A: PRU absence and exclusions analyses are now available throughout Insight. This includes historical analysis. Users will be able to select 'PRU' on the 'scope' filters across the Insight Headlines, Pupil Groups, Tables, School Census Cohort, Absence Details and Exclusion / Suspension Details pages. Users will also be able to select individual PRUs in the 'scope' filter when 'school' is selected. 'Scope' filter on Insight > Headlines

Q: Can we add our own characteristic group?

A: This isn't possible in the system because each LA would need the same group set up to allow any comparisons across the system. You can, however, place schools into groups which – depending on what was being analysed – might substitute for some purposes.

Q: With the DfE now asking for Sex rather than Gender will this affect matching?

A: This was an oversight in the presentation, it should have referred to sex but was using previous generated documentation

Q: [RE exclusion of the remainder of the term for a newly opened sponsored academy] - We have school in this situation where they have changed school numbers. But they included historic data from old school number in census file. Would we need to cleans the file before loading it into nexus or would it automatically exclude the incorrect historical absence and exclusion information etc

A: The census file **should not** include data from the previous school so it would need to be cleansed before loading into Keypas as the import would not be able to differentiate between current and previous school. However, it is worth stressing that the previous school data should not be in that file.