This poster provides a graphical illustration of data collected to identify when Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRB's) that accredit UK undergraduate degrees began their accreditation programmes. PSRB's were identified from data held by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) and contacted individually to establish when they began accrediting, leading to the collation of a unique set of figures that can be archived. The data is shown alongside the growth of HE institutions in the same period and key events that may have impacted on their numbers.

**Methodology**

PSRBs that are currently registered in the UK are listed by HESA in their Unistats Record 2019/20. PSRBs were identified from data held by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) and contacted individually to establish when they began accrediting, leading to the collation of a unique set of figures that can be archived. The data is shown alongside the growth of HE institutions in the same period and key events that may have impacted on their numbers.

HESA do not hold information regarding each organisation's first accreditation, so every one on the list was contacted individually and asked if they were able to provide a year in which they began. This took the list from 341 to 179 accrediting bodies.

The data was organised in a spreadsheet to generate the graph in figure 1. The graph shows how many accrediting bodies began their programmes each year from the earliest to the latest, and a cumulative graph showing the increase in UK HE providers as well as a list of key dates of events that have taken place that may have had an impact on the changes illustrated in the graphs.

**References**

