

National roll-out of Teaching School Hubs

Purpose

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to notify the market of forthcoming early market engagement events relating to the national roll-out of Teaching School Hubs (TSH). The Department will be undertaking these events online on 9th and 10th July 2020 for interested applicants.

Description

Great schools depend on great teachers. In the department's [Recruitment and Retention strategy](#), published in January 2019, we committed to improving our support for teachers, ensuring that they receive high quality training and development at every stage of their career – from Initial Teacher Training (ITT) through to leadership qualifications. Central to this programme are the [ITT Core Content](#) and the national roll-out of the [Early Career Framework](#), which set out an entitlement to new, evidence-based support and training over the first three or more years of a teacher's career, as well as support for their mentors.

At the heart of this new system will be Teaching School Hubs (TSH). The concentrated focus for TSH on teacher training and development will see a return to the original vision behind teaching schools, recognising teacher and leader development as the most important form of school improvement. The TSH programme will create a network of 87 centres of excellence for teacher training and development, replacing the current network of around 750 teaching schools.

Successful TSH will provide high quality professional development to teachers at all stages of their career. They will be expected to play a significant role in delivering the Early Career Framework when it is available nationally from September 2021, and to seek to be involved in the delivery of new Specialist National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) and Leadership NPQs. They will deliver school-based Initial Teacher Training (ITT). TSH will also promote and deliver other high-quality evidence-based professional development to school leaders and teachers.

TSH will be amongst the best schools in the country, who will build strong partnerships with other schools and educational institutions to support teachers and leaders, in every phase and school, at each stage of their development.

TSH will be sustainably funded and will be accessible to every school in the country. TSH will receive an annual grant, subject to conditions including demonstrating progress against Key Performance Indicators. Each TSH will have its own defined area and must serve all schools in that area, though this will not prohibit cross-border working.

Further information on the national roll-out of the ECF can be found in the ECF [Prior Information Notice here](#).

Indicative Timeline

There are four supplier events scheduled to take place on the 9th and 10th July, which will last 1 hour each. We are offering separate sessions for special and alternative provision and Early Years providers, in order to help manage numbers and to enable those with similar questions to be part of the same session. However all settings and phases are welcome at any meeting and the presentations will cover the same material.

Please note that due to software restrictions on the number of attendees (250), a maximum of one attendee from each eligible school may attend. Recordings will be made available after the events. For details on how to register and attend, please click on your preferred date:

- [Thursday 9th July, 11am](#)
- [Thursday 9th July, 3pm](#) – special and alternative provision
- [Friday 10th July, 10am](#) – Early Years
- [Friday 10th July, 2pm](#)

Applications to be a TSH are expected to open in September 2020, with successful TSH being designated in January 2021. Full delivery is expected from September 2021. More information on the application process will be provided following market engagement activity.

Other information

This notice is for information only and is not a call for competition. The Department reserves the right not to enter a formal procurement process and not proceed with grant award. Accordingly, the Department will not be liable for any bid cost, expenditure, work or effort incurred by any school or other organisation in acting on the basis of this Prior Information Notice.

All future information will be issued to interested applicants via the DfE e-Tendering Portal. Applicants can access this system at: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com> for details of how to register and the terms of free registration.

All information included in this notice is indicative and subject to change.

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