

Headteacher standards review – note from meeting 29 May 2014

Overview of the group

1. The headteacher standards review was announced on Thursday 17 April (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/headteacher-standards-review>).
2. The aim of the group is to define standards that are applicable to all headteacher roles in the current educational landscape and a self-regulating school system. The review intends that these standards will inspire confidence in headteachers, drive aspiration and excellence, and empower the profession.
3. There will be four main meetings of the review group. The review, including draft revised standards, will report to the Secretary of State for Education in the summer, with the intention of publishing standards in the autumn. The review will publish one of these bulletins after every meeting for the information of anyone who is interested in how the review is progressing.

Progress

4. The first meeting of the review group took place on Thursday 1 May.
5. The meeting covered:
 - a. The group's working arrangements;
 - b. Discussion of the purpose of the current standards and what the purpose of the revised standards might be;
 - c. How the revised standards will be drafted by the group;
 - d. What to include in a call for evidence.
6. Some key points of interest from the day are:
 - a. The review members agreed that they want the revised standards to embody excellence, rather than providing a minimum level to be achieved.
 - b. All agreed the importance of engaging as widely as possible to learn from the experience and knowledge of experts and frontline professionals.
 - c. The importance of this review being the profession developing standards for the profession was discussed, as well as the importance of these standards for supporting a self-improving school system.

How to get engaged

7. The call for evidence was opened on 16th May. It consists of four key questions. The review group sees the call for evidence as a great opportunity to be able to engage with front line professionals and experts in order to gain useful insight that can inform the review group during the process of drafting revised standards. The group wants this review to be open and inclusive to ensure the revised standards are as useful as possible for the profession.

8. Members of the review group will be happy to meet with interested individuals/organisations to talk about the standards and the review in more detail.

Next steps

9. The review group's next meeting is on Thursday 5 June.