

Teachers Working Longer Review – Meeting of the Steering Group

18 August 2015

Minutes

Attendees

DfE – Jeff Rogerson (Chair), Michelle Thompson-Smith, Leila Allsopp and Helen Wood

Steering Group members – Andrew Morris (NUT), David Binnie (ASCL), Valentine Mulholland (NAHT), Dave Wilkinson (NASUWT), Deborah Simpson (Voice), Adrian Prandle (ATL), Anita Jermyn (LGA), Gillian Allcroft (NGA), Janine Brooks (ISC), Pat Moran (Welsh Government) and Mererid Lewis-Davies (UCAC)

Apologies

Stephen Baker (DfE), Mandy Coalter (United Learning), Dilwyn Roberts-Young (UCAC), Joan Binder (FASNA), Jonathan Lloyd (WLGA) and Graham Baird (SFCA)

Notes from meeting		Action By	Action Deadline
1. Welcome and introductions			
Jeff Rogerson (JR) welcomed the group. He advised that Leila Allsopp will be starting maternity leave in October and introduced Helen Wood who will be providing analytical support to the review in Leila's absence. Helen will be attending meetings from now on.	Information		
2. Minutes of the meeting of 21 July and update on action points			
JR asked if the Steering Group were happy to agree the minutes as a true record. Group members suggested a few amendments which DfE will make and then publish the minutes on the group's page on gov.uk. JR gave an update on the actions from the previous meeting:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DfE have put together a draft proposal for including HR expertise in the steering group and this will be discussed further under agenda item 3;• DfE have drafted a revised version of the request for information document, which was circulated with the papers for this meeting. This will be covered further in agenda item 5;• Union members of the steering group have shared the results of their joint survey with all group members. Although NASUWT was not involved with this survey, they have submitted details from their "big question" survey via the stage 1 call for evidence;	Action Information	DfE	28 August

<p>progress. The main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has taken longer for ICF, the EI contractor, to obtain data sets than expected, in fact at this point they still have not received the data. As a result they will have to submit a revised timeline which they will be able to provide once all data is received; • DfE are taking steps to expedite the data; • An EI sub-group meeting was scheduled to be held after this meeting at which ICF were to attend to give a presentation of their progress so far, however, due to the change in timelines this presentation has been rescheduled to take place at the next EI sub group meeting on 15 September; and • IES, the EP contractor, are progressing to the new timelines advised at the last steering group meeting. 			
<p>5. Stage 2 call for evidence</p>			
<p>MTS gave an update on progress and advised that it was hoped that agreement could be reached on content and method of publication by the end of this meeting. The main points were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document has been updated to reflect the discussion at the last steering group meeting and the revised version was circulated to steering group members a week and a half ahead of this meeting. • The call for evidence is expected to be launched early September and conclude the first week of October. • DfE have investigated the possibility of a web based format hosted on the TP website and although this is possible it will have to be done using an external provider. Due to some questions asking for potentially sensitive data, there were some concerns, however, HW has further advised that she has access to Smart Survey, which is a secure web based product. • We suggest that this is publicised through the TP website, WLR group page and via group members. <p>The group then held a detailed and productive</p>	<p>Information</p>		

9. Review and close			
JR summarised discussions and thanked everyone for attending.	Information		