

Data and Research to Support Teacher Supply Planning

Minutes of meeting of the Working Group

11.00am, Wednesday 24th November 2021

Via WebEx

In attendance:

Chris Kelly, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply) (Chair)
Deirdre Cullen, Statistics Section
Steven Lucas, Statistics Section
Jason Kelly, Inspectorate
Sinéad Keenaghan, Payroll Division
Michael Redmond, Post-primary Management Bodies
Adrian Mannion (for Sinéad Middleton), Teacher Education Policy (ITE & Professional Development)

Also in attendance:

Conor McCourt, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
Damien O'Neill, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
Claire Kelly, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)

Apologies:

Deirdre Shanley, Asst. Secretary
Paul McCarthy, IT Payroll
Lewis Purser, IUA
Manuela Heinz, HEIs
Karen Eastwood Lovett, Teaching Council
Laura Watts, Central Policy Unit
Jill Fannin, Forward Planning
Sinéad Middleton, Teacher Education Policy (ITE & Professional Development)
Maria Fitzgerald, Teaching Council
Fiona Kindlon, ETBI
Deirdre O'Donoghue, Primary Management Bodies

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of the 6th October 2021 were agreed.

2. Post primary subject teacher projection model

Survey of unmet demand update

The following points were noted:

- The survey of unmet demand issued by email on 4th October 2021 to all post-primary schools.
- Approximately 59% of schools have responded to date.
- The day-to-day challenges faced by schools in the context of the Covid-19 emergency may be affecting the response rate.

The following points were agreed:

- Management bodies will be requested to issue a reminder email to schools that have not responded.
- The Department will subsequently contact individual schools by phone where necessary.
- Consideration will be given to the management bodies leading on future surveys, if required, in order to encourage responses.

DTR returns 2021 update

The following points were noted:

- The deadline for schools to make the 2021/22 DTR returns was the week ending 1st October 2021.
- 92% of schools have made a return and the Department will follow up on outstanding returns in the coming weeks.

It was agreed that the DTR data will be forwarded to Statistics Section once a 95% response rate has been achieved.

3. Data on the HE sector

The Group considered the use of ITE student enrolment and graduate data in the model of teacher demand and supply.

Data sharing with the HEA

It was noted that a data sharing agreement is now in place between the Department (Statistics Section) and the HEA, and that 2019 and 2020 SRS data has been received by Statistics Section.

Potential for direct linkages with HEIs

The following points were agreed:

- Statistics Section will engage with Hibernia College to explore options to obtain student teacher data.
- Statistics Section will review the Qualifax website to ensure the list of ITE programmes is complete.
- Teacher Education Section (ITE & Professional Development) will confirm what student teacher data is received from Marino Institute of Education.

4. Data on sub demand and supply

Potential for standardised reports from Sub Seeker

It was noted that a data sharing agreement will need to be put in place with the IPPN.

It was agreed that Teacher Supply Secretariat will request a list of *Sub Seeker* data variables from IPPN to inform the development of standardised reports.

Supply panel teacher data

The Group considered the challenges in the recording and collecting of data on the deployment of primary supply panel teachers and the consequences for the accuracy of data on unfilled substitutable vacancies from the teacher payroll.

The following points were agreed:

- Teacher Supply Secretariat will ask Allocations Section to contact schools to ensure that all supply panel teachers are correctly identified on the payroll system.
- Statistics Section will liaise with IT Apps Development/Support (OLCS) to explore options for capturing data on the deployment of supply panel teachers on the OLCS.

5. Use of the Teaching Council register to hold additional data to support teacher supply planning

Update on new registration database

It was noted that the new registration database is operational and that an update will be provided to the Group at the next meeting.

6. Update on spending reviews (Central Policy Unit)

No further update.

7. Teacher Supply Action Plan

It was noted that an updated teacher supply action plan has been drafted.

8. A.O.B.

None.

9. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

**Teacher Supply Secretariat
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