

Data and Research to Support Teacher Supply Planning

Minutes of meeting of the Working Group

9.30am, Wednesday 18 January 2023

Via WebEx

In attendance:

Tomás Ó Ruairc, Department of Education (Chair)
Séamus Keating, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
Deirdre Cullen, Statistics Section
Steven Lucas, Statistics Section
Siobhan Healy, Teaching Council,
Karen Eastwood Lovett, Teaching Council
Jason Kelly, Inspectorate
Jennifer Buttner, Primary Management Bodies
Murty Hanly, Forward Planning
Manuela Heinz, HEIs
Fiona Kindlon, ETBI
Sinéad Keenaghan, Payroll Division
Ray Murphy, Payroll Division

Also in attendance:

John Egan, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
Damien O'Neill, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)

Apologies:

Conor McCourt, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
Michael Redmond, Post-Primary Management Bodies
Debbie Newman, Teacher Education Policy (ITE & Professional Development)

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd November 2022 were agreed.

2. Post-primary subject teacher projection model

Post-primary subject teacher projection model update

It was noted that consultation regarding the publication of the post-primary subject teacher projection model is ongoing.

Survey of unmet demand 2022/23

The following points were noted:

- A survey based on school year 2021/2022 was carried out for the post-primary subject teacher projection model and will be published with the post-primary subject teacher projection model.
- It was agreed that there will be a need to broaden the scope of data collected for future instances. The Data Working Group will be kept informed and consulted of this process.

3. Short to medium term data planning

Development of a teacher supply data dashboard

The group welcomed the development of a teacher supply dashboard which will help inform the Department with the implementation of teacher supply measures in the coming school year.

The Group was informed that a number on internal sources are being considered for the dashboard and the Group will be informed of any progress.

SET demand and supply

The Group was informed that Statistics Section has been working the NCSE in helping them to develop a projections model for SET classes.

4. Data on substitute teacher demand and supply

It was agreed by the Group that a clearer picture of the substitute teacher demand and supply issue needs to be established. Work was ongoing on collation of data to assist this process.

5. Ukraine crisis and teacher supply (update)

It was agreed that the Department has performed well in the enrolment of Ukrainian students. Ukrainian pupil enrolments are not a significant demand driver for mainstream teaching posts but there are pressures in certain areas.

The following was noted:

- To date, approximately 14,130 Ukrainian students have enrolled in Irish schools.
- Registration of Ukrainian Teachers with Teaching Council – 97 (90 post-primary and 7 primary).

6. DTR Returns

It was noted that DTR returns from schools was circa 95%. The Department is following up with outstanding schools over the coming weeks.

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

The Group was informed that over 117,000 teachers have now registered with the Teaching Council.

NQT registrations

- 3,603 NQTs registered in 2022
 - Breakdown per route: 1,878 (Primary) 1,622 (Post-primary) 103 (Other)

Route 5 (Student Teacher) registrations

- 2,492 students teachers registered under Route 5 to date
 - 254 applications in progress

It was agreed that it would be a worthwhile exercise to investigate how many Route 5 (Student Teachers) are taking up substitution.

8. Date of next meeting

Friday 3rd March @ 9.30am was agreed.

**Teacher Supply Secretariat
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