

Data and Research to Support Teacher Supply Planning

Minutes of meeting of the Working Group

11.30am, Thursday 27 April 2023

Via WebEx

In attendance:

Tomás Ó Ruairc, Department of Education (Chair)
Séamus Keating, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
Paul Alexander, Statistics Section
Fiona Kindlon, ETBI
Sinéad Keenaghan, Payroll Division
Jennifer Buttner, Primary Management Bodies
Siobhan Healy, Teaching Council
Fergus Quinn, Special Education
Jason Kelly, Inspectorate
Manuela Heinz, HEIs

Also in attendance:

Conor McCourt, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
John Egan, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
Leonie Kiernan, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)

Apologies:

Olwyn Byrne, Statistics Section
Karen Eastwood Lovett, Teaching Council
Ray Murphy, Payroll
Murty Hanly, Forward Planning
Michael Redmond, Post-Primary Management Bodies

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd March were agreed with a minor amendment.

It was agreed to provide clarification to the Group on one point concerning the Deployment of Teaching Resources (DTR) returns)

2. Post-primary subject teacher projection report/model

Plans for publication of report

It was noted that it is intended to publish the post-primary subject teacher projection model in the near future, taking account of the feedback from stakeholders at the data workshops in March.

Survey of unmet demand

The Group was informed that the intention is to carry out another survey in later this year.

3. Review of Sectoral workshops

It was noted that the supply and demand/deployment of substitute teachers workshops on Thursday, 23 March in Athlone were positive. It was recognised that a strong collaborative approach was taken by all the stakeholders.

It was agreed that this collaborative discourse would be built upon with further regional based forums later in the year. It was agreed to share the Mentimeter reports with the Group.

4. Teacher demand and supply in IME schools

It was agreed that teacher demand and supply in Irish medium schools need to be considered. It was agreed that Teacher Supply Section will engage the Gaeltacht Unit as a first step. .

5. Short to medium term data planning & 7. Data on substitute teacher demand and supply (taken together)

Development of a teacher supply Data Dashboard

Discussions on this are on-going and there are some technical issues to be resolved.

SET demand and supply

It was noted that work is ongoing in this area.

Teaching Council Register

The Group was informed that Statistics Section, in cooperation with the CSO, intends to carry out research on the Teaching Council Register in order to get more detail and analysis of the current employment status of teachers who are registered with the Teaching Council.

Teachers currently subbing on Dept payroll

Statistics Section informed the group that work on a survey on this was on-going

6. ETB teacher data: update

It was noted that discussions with ESBS are ongoing regarding the use of ETB data for the purpose of the Data Dashboard. It was noted that once certain technical issues were sorted that the Department should be able to extract relevant ETB data to the Dashboard. It is hoped that this issue will have progressed for the next meeting.

7. Deployment of Teaching Resources (DTR) Returns

It was noted that work on the development of a data dashboard is ongoing. The Inspectorate will keep the Group updated on progress.

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

The Group was informed that over 118,000 teachers are registered with the Teaching Council.

NQT registrations

- 3,746 NQTs registered in 2022
- Preparations for the NQT registration process for 2023 has begun

Route 5 (Student Teacher) registrations

- 2,877 students teachers registered under Route 5 to date

Overseas applications

- An average of 600-650 applications are received annually from overseas teachers

Ukraine

- Over 200 applications have been received from Ukrainian qualified teachers with 116 of these applicants now registered with the Teaching Council (109 are post primary and 7 are primary)

9. Ukraine crisis and teacher supply (update)

It was noted that Ukrainian pupil enrolments are not a significant demand driver for mainstream teaching posts currently. However, it was noted that increasing enrolments may impact teacher demand in the autumn.

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday 8 June @ 11.30am was agreed.