

Agenda

Meeting of the Teacher Supply Implementation Group

4 February 2020 @ 2.00 pm

Tyrone House, Marlborough St and MB Room, Athlone

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

2. Update on recent developments and next steps:

(a) Data to support teacher supply planning

- (i) Statistical Unit Technical Report:
 - Workshop with stakeholders, 30 January
 - Next steps
- (ii) Proposed survey of demand for post primary subject specific teachers (February/ March 2020)
- (iii) Potential use of the Teaching Council register to hold additional data to support teacher supply planning.

(b) Communications and promotion of the teaching profession

- (i) Promotion campaign update
- (ii) Development of a teacher employment portal
- (iii) Engagement with careers advisors and guidance counsellors
- (iv) Plans for regional focus groups

(c) Higher Education

- (i) HEA proposal for upskilling programmes
- (ii) Longitudinal study of outcomes for graduates of ITE programmes (HEA)
- (iii) Supports for ITE student supports
- (iv) Review of school placement guidelines

(d) Policies and arrangements for schools and teachers that impact on teacher supply

- (i) Teacher absences due to State examination employment
- (ii) Teacher absences due to CPD
- (iii) Review of summer courses
- (iv) Impact of EPV days.
- (v) Teacher sharing scheme: next steps
- (vi) Substitute teacher supply panels: update and next steps
- (vii) Job sharing teachers and substitute work
- (viii) Retired teachers and substitute work

- (ix) Streamlining of registration processes for out of State applicants/ professional orientation model for schools to support out of state teachers; update
- (x) Review of the system for the allocation of teachers (timing and duration) – timeframes, redeployment scheme rules etc.
- (xi) Fixed term/ part-time employment - effect of implementation of the Ward Report.
- (xii) Review of brief absence arrangements.
- (xiii) Review of the refund of fees scheme: potential for the prioritisation of upskilling programmes.
- (xiv) Development of more user-friendly teacher recruitment processes.

3. Revised Action Plan:

- Next steps

4. AOB

5. Next meeting: 2 p.m., 12 March 2020