

NCGE Management of Guidance Committee (MGC) 2017-2019
Record of the 6th Meeting
25th April 2018

1. Minutes from the last meeting (2nd February 2018) and Matters Arising

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1.1. National Forum on Guidance (NFG)

The NFG has been postponed to Monday 21st May. Invites to be emailed on 1st May.

1.2. Whole School Guidance Framework (WSGF)

The WSG pilot is due to finish on 2nd May. The Chair thanked NCGE staff for their great work.

1.3. Department of Education & Skills (DES) Online Compliance Survey

The deadline for completing the survey was extended again to end January 2018 with a partial further extension for some schools. The deadline has now closed. Questions from schools on the compliance survey highlighted confusion and ambiguity about what Whole School Guidance is and is not. The report on the completed survey to be issued – no date set yet.

2. Report from the Finance Sub-Committee

The report from the last Finance Sub-Committee (7th Feb) was amended due to an administrative error and uploaded onto the MGC VLE.

Today's Finance Sub-Committee report was presented to the Committee. There were no questions or issues with today's Report from the Finance Sub-Committee.

3. NCGE Output Statement 2017 for Sign-Off

The final version of the NCGE Output Statement 2017 was signed-off by the MGC after a few minor amendment suggestions.

4. Intro to NCGE Draft Reports

The MGC was briefed by the NCGE Director on NCGE draft Executive Summary reports for the AEGI. These qualitative and quantitative reports include statistics on provision in each ETB, strategic planning and case studies of good practice.

NCGE will hold a further meeting with the ETBI and FET Directors to discuss FET Guidance and AEGI issues.

The draft Executive Summary Report 2017 will be uploaded on the VLE. Any comments/queries to be sent to JMCK.

5. MGC and Current Developments in Guidance

5.1. Guidance and Wellbeing in Schools (NEPS & JCT)

NCGE met with DES School Inspectorate and Junior Cycle Training (JCT) in relation to guidance in wellbeing in schools. It was agreed that NCGE would continue to inform and liaise with the link Inspector on guidance developments. NCGE has requested that DES consider inclusion of NCGE in the internal QA process where it pertains to guidance.

To assist guidance counsellors and as agreed by NCGE, JCT and DES School Inspectorate, JCT will encourage schools to use the Whole School Guidance document in their presentations to guidance counsellors.

5.2. SOLAS – FET Guidance

NCGE meeting next week with SOLAS and DES to discuss FET and Adult Guidance issues.

5.3. ETB Recruitment Strategy

Concern was raised at the 4th MGC Meeting on the “guidance issue in ETB” where a recruitment officer was being recruited to provide a ‘career guidance and counselling service’ contravening the published DES Programme Recognition Framework. The ETB recruitment process has changed and outline of the role of recruitment officer was readdressed.

6. DES Career Guidance Review

In January, DES posted an announcement on their website regarding the Career Guidance Review and published Terms of Reference (TOR). For the purposes of this current meeting of the MGC, DES informed NCGE that Indecon International Economic consultants had been awarded the contract to carry out the review. DES will announce this publicly and will publish on their website details of the submissions process for the review. Indecon will contact NCGE, and NCGE will be invited to make a submission to this review. The MGC spent time considering the published TOR and questions within.

7. AOB

There was no AOB.

The meeting ended at 13:05.