

NCGE Management of Guidance Committee (MGC) 2017-2019
Record of the 8th Meeting
26th September 2018

1. Minutes from the last meeting (18th June 2018) and Matters Arising

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

NCGE and DES currently working together on the analysis of the data and will compile a report for DES only. NCGE and DES will then look at the next step with the possibility of making an executive report available for others.

1.2. SOLAS – FET Guidance

In accordance with the Working Committee (NCGE, ETBI and Directors of FET), NCGE will be hosting, in collaboration with ETBs, a number of national consultation meetings on the Adult Guidance Management System (AGMS) throughout the month of November. After these meetings, NCGE will send a proposal to SOLAS regarding funding the development of the AGMS for future regional FET guidance planning.

NCGE and SOLAS met re the AGMS database and GDPR. NCGE can access reports but not personal data. ETBs insert the personal data. SOLAS require continuation of the AGMS to provide qualitative and quantitative data, to inform policy development from the data and that it is managed by NCGE. The ETBs use PLSS for tracking learners and it was suggested that the AGMS should connect to the PLSS but remain as a separate system.

The INTREO system is linked to PLSS as it works well for case officers but it is not linked to the AGMS or Adult Guidance. It was felt that a discussion is needed to see how all systems fit together and what links are appropriate.

1.3. DES Career Guidance Review

For the benefit of the newly appointed IGC rep, and to update the other members, the Chair gave background information on the DES Career Guidance Review. The NCGE Director gave a brief update. The NCGE MGC was advised it is expected that the report on the Review will be available by the end of October.

There were no proposed amendments to the Minutes which were then proposed and seconded.

1a. Draft Meeting Record of 7th Meeting

There were no changes to the meeting record of the 7th meeting which was then approved to upload onto the NCGE website.

2. Report from the Finance Sub-Committee (FSC)

The scheduling of the FSC meetings will change to dovetail with NCGE quarterly reports to DES. Léargas approve and sign-off on the NCGE accounts and the FSC meets to review how the budget is spent. The FSC does not approve or sign-off on these accounts.

A copy of the FSC Report was given to each member and the NCGE Director explained this in detail. Key points in the report: SOLAS has yet to confirm if a rep will sit on the FSC and in July, the EU Commission granted Euroguidance funding for 2018-2020.

3. Discussion on the Ibec Report re Career Guidance

A discussion took place on the Ibec Report re Career Guidance '*Informed choices: career guidance in an uncertain world*'. Concern was expressed regarding a number of inaccuracies in the report. It was decided that a response to the report was necessary; the NCGE Director to compile and issue this response.

4. NCGE Reports/Updates

4a. Whole School Guidance Framework – Pilot and Resources

Members were provided with a briefing paper on the Whole School Guidance Framework (WSGF) Pilot (2017) to which the NCGE Director referred. NCGE organising a dissemination conference on the 13th November in the Clock Tower, DES to present the outcomes of the WSGP pilot project and showcase resources (published online and available through the NCGE School Guidance Handbook). Invites to be sent to all organisations including members of the MGC. The pilot schools have been invited to participate in Stage II of the WSGF.

4b. Post-Primary Guidance Working Group (PPGWG)

Members were provided with a final report on the PPGWG to which the NCGE Director referred. The work of the PPGWG had now finished and all members thanked for their contribution. The Chair acknowledged the work of the PPGWG. The NCGE Director suggested that where further developments are required that a smaller working group may be established.

5. MGC Members Updates

Members to give updates at the next MGC meeting in November.

6. A.O.B.

The NCGE Director gave background and updated information on the process of the Programme Recognition Framework (PRF) for courses, and in particular the role of NCGE in this regard. NCGE is waiting for clarification from DES on the PRF process. NCGE is not directly involved in this process. Following the review process of the PRF, the Teaching Council will make a report to DES who will contact the university and then it is up to that university to make any required amendments.

The meeting ended at 13:05.