



**Statement issued by the NCGE Management of Guidance Committee
Ref: DES- Indecon Review of Career Guidance**

NCGE welcomes the Indecon Review of Career Guidance Final Report published on Wednesday, 24th April 2019. The extensive stakeholder consultation process engaged by Indecon and the contribution of the Steering Committee to the Review is acknowledged. As an agency of the Department of Education and Skills, NCGE was invited to provide contextual background information on National and European policy and practice in Guidance in advance of the stakeholder consultation process. In addition, Indecon received a written submission from the NCGE Management of Guidance Committee, and the Director and Chair were invited to the Stakeholder Forum in July 2018.

NCGE particularly welcomes the attention given by the Report to the need for effective and inclusive career guidance policy and strategy at a national level including a specific focus on high quality career tools and information as per the Terms and Reference of the Review.

NCGE welcomes the Report's analysis of the current policy framework and organisational structure for career guidance in Ireland. We note that the Report identifies the challenges emanating from the disparate nature of policy, practice and funding provision in guidance. We recognise the Report's acknowledgment that this current status can "result in problems of co-operation and co-ordination" (p.3).

The Report affirms the expertise of NCGE in supporting the development of guidance policy and practice. In outlining the structure of NCGE (p. 7), the Report has identified the complexity of NCGE's role as currently established under Léargas, for example, acknowledging that NCGE cannot access Erasmus+ funding due to this current structure.

NCGE believes, having closely reviewed the 18 Recommendations, that Recommendations 1-5 coming under the heading *Reforms to Governance and Delivery Arrangements* need urgent priority for the remaining Recommendations 6-18 to have traction.

NCGE is encouraged by the Minister's statement accompanying the launch of the Review and his announcement of the establishment of a Department of Education and Skills Internal Implementation Task Force.

We look forward to engaging with this Task Force as a key stakeholder.

**Management of Guidance Committee
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