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During the discussions, participants requested that NCGE, on behalf of the Forum, would request clarification from the DES on various aspects in relation to the Implementation Task Force.

These questions are noted within the ['Summary of discussions'](#) - P5:

- **The composition of the DES 'Implementation Task Force'**
- **The timeline of the DES 'Implementation Task Force'**
- **If and when there would be consultations with stakeholders by the DES 'Implementation Task Force'**

Response

The response below was received by NCGE from Evelyn O'Connor - Curriculum & Assessment Policy Unit, DES on Wednesday 29th of May 2019.

The Taskforce

The first meeting of the taskforce on the implementation of the career guidance tools and information review was held yesterday (28/05/19).

Many areas of the Department were represented at the first meeting in order to be briefed on the review and the outcome and recommendations. Members of the taskforce will be renewed as necessary when relevant recommendations and issues are being discussed. At present the taskforce is comprised of DES representatives from the following sections:

Secretary General's Office
Skills Planning and Enterprise Engagement Unit
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Unit
Inspectorate
NEPS
Special Education
Further Education and Training
Higher Education
Central Policy Unit
Teacher Education

In short - the taskforce will examine each of the recommendations and consider whether and how best to implement them and indeed whether other actions need to be taken to ensure we have high quality, relevant career guidance support in place so young people and adults are equipped to make the choices that are right for them. Now that the taskforce has been established, the immediate priority is to consider the establishment of a support organisation.

Timeline

As regards the timeline, no timeline has been set. The taskforce will meet regularly and progress actions as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Stakeholder Consultation

As regards stakeholder consultation, we have already begun to receive feedback and we expect we will receive more which we will bear in mind as we progress. As indicated by the Minister when launching the review report, there will be further consultation with stakeholders on the recommendations. You will appreciate that as the taskforce has only begun considering the recommendations, we are not at the stage yet where we are ready to commence consultations. We will do so however as appropriate and we look forward to your valuable input.

Best regards

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