

Initial Teacher Training - Strategic Engagement Lead - Recommendation 10

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Background to the role (provided by the Department of Education):

A Market Review of ITT was conducted by a panel of experts and their report was published in July 2021 which was accepted by the Government December 2021.

14 recommendations were made to help improve the uptake and provision for ITT with the aim of increasing recruitment and ultimately retention of teachers. This role focuses on the 10th recommendation.

Essentially – there isn't YET a centralised list to show the ITT provision offered across all our schools (nationally and locally) so we [DfE] don't know where there are ITT hot and cold spots, all the DfE currently knows is the overall picture for teacher recruitment is poor and worsening.

What the DfE recommended:

“Teaching school hubs should partner with an accredited provider to play a role in the delivery of ITT (unless they are operating as an accredited provider).

DfE have place a **requirement on teaching school hubs to support local ITT delivery** in specific strategic ways.

My role as the Initial Teacher Training - Strategic Engagement Lead

To be an impartial, independent consultant to provide strategic leadership in the delivery of the 6 Key Performances Indications of Recommendation 10:

- **Priority 1:** Gather up-to-date intelligence about the ITT landscape across our TSH areas; focus on one area at a time (Sept '23-Jan '24)
- **Priority 2:** Identify any areas where ITT engagement is low and liaise with schools about the barriers to offering ITT placements and any support to help address this.
- **Priority 3:** *Spring/Summer Term* – Identify schools who would like to increase their ITT placement provision and offer support in brokering partnerships between the school and ITT providers.
- **Priority 4:** *Spring/Summer Term* – Identify schools who have capacity and the specialist expertise to offer Intensive Training and Practice placements (IT&P)

What I would like from schools in our TSH areas

- Complete the online form with up-to-date information about your current ITT provision and potential future placements for trainees.
- Keep us updated throughout the year if your capacity to provide placement(s) for ITT changes.
- Consider whether you may have specialist areas of expertise and would have capacity to offer additional placements and/or Intensive Training and Practice placements (IT&P) – more details to follow in the Spring/Summer Term
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