

Regional Update: January 2020 - 2nd edition (#5 2019/20)

Introduction

Welcome to the fifth Lancashire and West Yorkshire TSC news update for 2019/20. Our aim is to connect to all system leaders and TSAs across our region; to share, promote and progress school improvement in all its possible forms.

Previous newsletters, attachments and other resources can be accessed at lwytsc.org.

This newsletter contains important information and links for NLEs regarding the 19/20 SI offer and funding.

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HEADLINE NEWS

SI Offer: Portal & Excel RAF January 2020

All NLEs should have received an [email \(16/01/20\)](#) regarding the decision to replace using the portal for the submission of Tier 2 and 3 RAFs with a [new offline template in Excel](#) (attached).

The new template has been designed to be as straightforward to use as possible. If an NLE has already completed a RAF on another template or via the portal, LWYTSC will liaise with the department to get this transferred to the new template; there will be no need to duplicate any work already done.

The main reason for replacing the portal RAF with an Excel template (rather than either of the existing Word or PowerPoint versions) is to be able to extract how the funding is being spent and demonstrate the valuable impact being made. In addition, the auto-populate functionality of Excel means that costs are totalled automatically and data entry errors are reduced, hopefully leading to fewer exchanges of RAFs between NLEs/TSC/DfE. LWY TSC will use text colour and the free-text box on each page to highlight any amendments made or additional information required.

Guidance updates:

The updated [School Improvement 19/20 NLE guidance](#) is also attached. This has been amended to reflect the change of RAF format and to provide additional clarification on matters which have prompted questions since the start of the programme. These are flagged in the change log at the end of the document but please be reassured that there are no significant policy changes you need to be aware of. There have also been updates made to the [national programmes list \(Annex B\)](#) also attached. – please note changes to leadership and behaviour programmes in particular.

Continued use of the Portal:

Please do continue to use the portal to enter your deployment dates (this is what triggers payment for completed deployments) and to submit Tier 1 returns. We will be reviewing recorded autumn term activity on 24th January so please do endeavour to submit all your scheduled/completed deployment dates and completed Tier 1 returns before that date.

Thank you once again for your patience and ongoing commitment to the delivery of the offer.

Regional Update - 'At a glance'

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Attachments included:

- [Portal & Excel RAF - NLE email \(16/01/20\)](#)
- [New Tier 2 & 3 Excel RAF template](#)
- [Updated \(Jan 2020\) SI 19/20 NLE Guidance](#)
- [Updated National Programmes List \(Annex B\)](#)

NLE Funding - Grant Offer Letter

All NLEs should have received an email (14/01/20) with an attached personally addressed Grant Offer Letter (GOL) from the national School Improvement Team for National Support School funding for the 2019-20 financial year. Please note that the GOL is the maximum available funding and that schools will only receive a payment for school improvement work that is delivered.

See below a summary of the funding that NLEs can potentially receive within the GOL::

- AY18/19 School Improvement Offer: tier 1 deployments undertaken between 1 April 2019 and 31 August 2019 (up to a maximum of five deployments of 3 days at £500/day or £600/day if eligible for higher rate of pay). NLEs will receive payment for this activity in January 2020
- AY18/19 NLE Bursary (1 April 2019 to 31 August 2019): to support school improvement activity undertaken by NLEs at schools beyond that provided through the School Improvement Offer. (Up to a maximum of £2000). NLEs will receive payment for this activity in January 2020
- AY19/20 NLE bursary (1 September 2019 to 31 March 2020) to support schools beyond that provided through the School Improvement Offer. (Up to a maximum of £2000)
- AY19/20 School Improvement Offer Tier 1 deployments undertaken to support the 2019/20 academic year School Improvement Offer. (Up to a maximum of five deployments of 3 days at £500/day or £600/day if eligible for higher rate of pay)
- AY 19/20 School Improvement Offer: For attending the NLE Briefing Events (£500)

In addition, the DfE has confirmed that £1000 NLE Bursary funding will also be available for the summer term 2020.

NLEs have been advised that they should confirm with TSC that their capacity is not required to deliver the SI Offer before undertaking additional work to be funded by the bursary.

School Improvement and System Leadership

New Teaching School Hubs To Support Struggling Schools

Over one thousand schools are set to receive expert support from some of the country's highest performing schools as the [Department for Education announces six new Teaching School Hubs](#).

Schools will benefit from a three-year programme of support, with each of the six successful schools acting as a regional hub and will receive funding to support between 200 to 300 other schools in the local area.

This will give struggling schools direct access to the expertise from school leaders with a track record of improving challenging schools. Support could include delivering tailored professional development for teachers, hosting observations and visits or deploying system leaders to offer advice and guidance to local schools.

This forms part of a new scheme, launched by the department last year, to simplify and strengthen how the government drives up school standards, building on the successes of the Teaching Schools and National Leaders of Education programmes.

The six new hubs will be based in five areas of the country, including North Yorkshire, Sheffield and Devon, building on the Government's ambition to drive up school standards in areas of the country most in need of support.

The 6 new teaching school hubs are:

- North: Harrogate Grammar School and Red Kite Learning Trust
- Lancashire and West Yorkshire: Copthorne Primary School and Exceed Academies Trust
- East Midlands and Humber: Silverdale School and Chorus Education Trust
- East of England and North East London: Harris Academy Chafford Hundred and Harris Federation
- East of England and North East London: Saffron Walden County High School and Saffron Academy Trust
- South West: Kingsbridge Community College

Professional and Leadership Development

EEF alerts – latest evidence, useful for RAFs . . .

Read the latest [evidence informed guidance from the EEF here](#).

In addition, just released on Friday 24th January, [Improving Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1](#) this contains five key recommendations to support the development of the maths skills of 3-7 year-olds – [summary poster](#).

RSHE: Training And Support – Invitation To Bid

Colleagues on the LWY TSC mailing list should have received an email (10/01/20) re. the current 'RSHE: Training And Support – Invitation To Bid'. [Full details about the invitation to bid are available here.](#)

Bids, and any questions regarding the bidding procedure, should be sent to the nominated Teaching School Council representative for your region, Gill Robinson, via nicola.roys@icat.org.uk.

Submitted bids must be received by no later than 5.00pm on 28 January 2020. Late bids will not be considered.

Secondary Sports Funding for TSAs

An opportunity available to TSAs and other established school partnerships. £3350 of funding on offer for every participating secondary school. TSAs/Partnerships can produce their own flexible plans for PE, which will then be funded. Schools are also given support from a sports consultant for three academic terms and can also access mentoring and training, alongside support on implementation and evaluation. **The deadline for applications is 07/02/2020.** Find out more . . .

<https://www.sportengland.org/our-work/children-and-young-people/secondary-teacher-training-programme/>

The Teaching Schools Council



[The Teaching School Council](#) (TSC) is a national body representing all Teaching Schools in England. The Council is made up of membership with either a national or regional remit, who direct or shape the work of Teaching Schools through discussion with government ministers and senior officials.

The Teaching Schools Council believes that **every child is entitled to be in a great school.**