

Regional Update: September 2020 – 3rd edition (#3 2020/21)

Introduction

This newsletter focuses on the procurement process for Teaching School Hubs which is now open.

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

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HEADLINE UPDATE

Teaching School Hubs Procurement Process

Procurement is now open for The National Teaching School Hub Programme. Please ensure your networks are aware of this opportunity and forward this email as appropriate. Thank you. Link: DfE [contractsfinder](#)

The DfE is inviting high performing schools, rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, to apply for up to 81 competitive area grants. A further six areas will make up the total of 87, which cover the whole country and ensure all schools have access to a TSH (these six areas already have an operational TSH, designated in the test-and-learn phase in 2019).

To be considered to become a Teaching School Hub, the lead school must be:

1. Eligible, according to [the full eligibility criteria set out in the application guidance](#);
2. Located in the hub area for which it is applying, or within a reasonable travel distance. An interactive map showing the areas can be found in the Jaggaer e-tendering portal.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to access the tender documents eligible schools must register via the Jaggaer eTendering Portal: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

The Teaching School Council is commissioned by the DfE to support with the application process as follows:

1. Work to support applications from all TSH areas in the LWY region to ensure full regional coverage;
2. Ensure where possible/appropriate that eligible schools work together in each area rather than in competition, meaning that applications in each area are strong;
3. Provide support to eligible schools who request advice on their applications, ensuring conflicts of interest are appropriately managed;
4. Support TSH during the shadow running period to become fully functional, using local knowledge to foster partnerships, working with RDD/RSC and DfE central team;
5. Aid the transition from the existing TSA structure to the rolled out TSH model, ensuring all functions previously provided by Teaching Schools either continue or transfer smoothly elsewhere, and that all schools know where to go for those services.

Please contact our TSH advisory team as follows:

- If your school is eligible in West Yorkshire or Blackburn with Darwen, Burnley or Lancashire contact tessa.mason@education.gov.uk
- If your school is eligible in Greater Manchester or the Liverpool City Region please contact baljitbirring@indigodiversity.co.uk

We are committed to supporting you without prejudice and with due regard for any conflict of interest.

We have attached [the TSH guidance document](#).