

TSH Berkshire Headteacher Bulletin Summer 2023

As we approach the end of our second year as a Teaching School Hub, we would like to update Headteachers and senior leaders on key aspects of our work.

Headteacher Briefing

We would like to invite you to a **short online briefing** when we can give you more information about the work of the hub, including updates on the changes to Appropriate Body services for September 2023, and other key information.

- Monday 12th June 9.30-10.00
- [Register here](#)

ECF

The first cohort of **318 ECTs and 270 mentors** are now approaching the end of the programme. While we appreciate that there are still many challenges with the programme, we are encouraged by the positive response from the majority of participants, as seen in the latest end of module evaluation data:

	TSH Berkshire	UCL Average
ECT satisfaction year 2	90%	82%
ECT satisfaction year 1	94%	92%
Mentor satisfaction year 2	94%	87%
Mentor satisfaction year 1	93%	91%

Comments from participants this year include:

"It has been clear that the training providers have tried to act on previous feedback which makes it feel valuable to give it, and that the opinions and experiences of ECTs actually matter." (ECT)

My mentee and I have found the UCL ECT programme so valuable - we have engaged fully in the whole process and have both learnt so much. We are both 'better off' for it." (mentor)

Mentor Training 2023-24

Mentors have reported finding it difficult to find the time to attend training sessions. In response to this we will:

- Combine the induction conference and first mentor training session**, so that mentors now only need to attend 3 facilitated sessions over the year, not 4 as previously.
- Offer the option of a **face to face induction conference** at the start of each year. We believe this will provide mentors with a better opportunity to network with colleagues and engage with the programme.
- For **year 2 mentors**, we will offer the f2f conference in July. In this way, mentors will be fully prepared for the start of the programme, and this will alleviate some of the pressure in September.
- For mentors who are unable to attend the f2f induction conference, we will continue to **offer an online induction conference each year**.
- For mentors who are unable to attend the live sessions, UCL will continue to make recordings available, and TSH Berkshire colleagues will be available to answer any queries that may arise.

ECF Funding

Please see the DfE website below for details of how the funding for the ECF is allocated:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-and-eligibility-for-ecf-based-training>

Induction Tutor Support

We run a range of sessions to **support induction leads** with both the ECF and the Appropriate Body Service.

Induction Tutor support sessions this term are as follows:

Date and time	Topic	Relevant for.....
June 6 th 4.00-5.30 online	End of year assessment report writing	Induction leads and any other staff involved in writing ECT end of year reports. This is for schools who currently use TSH Berkshire as their AB.
June 15 th 4.00-5.30 online	Introduction to TSH Berkshire Appropriate Body Service	Induction tutors/senior leaders who will be moving to us as their AB from September 2023.
June 26 th 4.00-5.30 online	Introduction to TSH Berkshire Appropriate Body Service (repeat of June 15 th session)	Induction tutors/senior leaders who will be moving to us as their AB from September 2023.
July 10 th 4.00-5.30 online	Introduction to the ECF programme	New induction leads who will be taking over from September 2023 Current induction leads who would like a refresher. This is for schools who use TSH Berkshire as their ECF provider.

Registration of New ECTs

Schools need to register new ECTs in 3 places:

1. With an ECF provider
2. With an Appropriate Body
3. On the DfE digital service

Mentors will also need to be registered with your ECF provider and the DfE.

You can register with an ECF provider and an Appropriate Body (AB) as soon as you appoint ECTs (depending on the provider) but **you won't be able to register on the DfE digital service until early July**, so please don't try to do this before you receive confirmation from the DfE that the site is open.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that from September 2023, Local Authorities will start to withdraw their AB service, and **any new ECTs you appoint will need to be registered with a Teaching School Hub from September 2023.**

National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)

We are delighted that in total almost **500 colleagues** have enrolled on our NPQ programmes since September 2021. The first two cohorts of specialist programme have completed their assessments, and we are pleased that there was a **95% pass rate** across the two cohorts.

Registration is now open for the Autumn Cohort of programmes. Participants should register on the DfE website [here](#) and select UCL as their lead provider. **The closing date is September 8th.**

We know that funding is guaranteed for the 2023-24 academic year, so there will be **no cost to state schools** but there has been no information about subsequent years.

Contact us

If you have any further queries, or there is anything you would like more information on, please don't hesitate to contact Janet Roberts, Teaching School Hub Director, TSH Berkshire janetroberts@lgs.slough.sch.uk