

NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT HUB UPDATE

Purpose

1. To provide the Teacher Panel with an update on progress with streamlining guidance on the National Improvement Hub.

Update

2. In September 2015, Education Scotland announced the development of the National Improvement Hub. The aim is to provide an easily accessible portal designed around the needs of education practitioners offering interactive, digital content and tools to improve practice and increase the quality of learners' experiences and outcomes. Education Scotland is working with a wide range of other national bodies in this development to improve access and avoid duplication. An 'alpha' site was released in March and there has been extensive consultation with practitioners and stakeholders. Feedback from this consultation has been used to develop the brief for the 'beta' site which will be released by March 2017.

3. During the past year the whole organisation has worked on a change programme in relation to our online content. Until recently, all of the content was accessed through one large site (with 55 microsites) which was added to over time building on the content from our predecessor organisations. All content has been reviewed (approx. 50,000 pages) and the content that has been added to our new sites has been peer reviewed and has placed into a structure with clear information about its purpose and with reflective questions to help practitioners consider how best to use materials to improve their practice. From December 2016 Education Scotland will divide our web content between:

- the National Improvement Hub for improvement resources and materials,
- the new Education Scotland corporate website for corporate information and links to key policy and legislation
- Parentzone Scotland for resources, information and data specifically for parents
- NQ's for specific materials and resources
- Glow

4. The new corporate site includes key information about Scotland's education system, the role of Education Scotland and news about education. It also provides links to relevant external organisations and content and the outlines the key policy and legislation that is the basis of why we do what we do. This is where the guidance for CfE sits and this area has been streamlined and dramatically reduced to enable practitioners and interested parties to navigate with ease.

5. Key points to note:

- Resources and information on the new sites will be reviewed at least annually to ensure relevance. They are also peer reviewed.

- The 'beta' version of the National Improvement Hub is being developed in discussion with other national partners and agencies with the view to developing federated searches and encouraging collaboration through a range of channels including social media.
- The search function lies at the heart of the National Improvement Hub. Users search for content by inputting text or phrases that are relevant to their needs. To improve search results every single piece of hub content is also tagged with terms that are central to the experience of teaching and learning in Scotland. Users can also employ a range of filters to narrow their search results. The new sites will also show materials and resources that are trending and popular.
- The alpha version of the hub already offers useful information around 'what works' in relation to closing the poverty related attainment gap.
- All of Education Scotland's self-evaluation frameworks including "How Good is our School 4" will be digitised to link to relevant improvement materials and resources.

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