

ECT Induction: transition of Appropriate Body status

Background

With the government's Appropriate Body reform agenda, you may be aware that Local Authorities will no longer be able to provide Appropriate Body Services for new ECTs starting from September 2023, and Local Authorities cease providing Appropriate Body services for existing ECTs by August 2024. Rest assured that Hampshire is committed to continuing to provide Appropriate Body services and to act as an Appropriate Body until we are no longer permitted to do so.

Who will provide Appropriate Body services?

From September 2024, designated Teaching School Hubs will be the main provider of all Appropriate Body services to schools. The Teaching School Hubs who are acting as Appropriate Bodies in our area are:

- [HISP](#)
- [South Farnham Education Trust](#)

We are working closely with both Teaching School Hubs to ensure a seamless transition for any ECT who we may need to transfer come Autumn 2024.

Independent schools may wish to consider [ISTIP](#) for their Appropriate Body services but are free to choose a Teaching School Hub instead.

What about Hampshire Align and ECF delivery?

ECF delivery through Hampshire Align (Ambition Institute materials) is not affected and the Align team are delighted to continue to offer their high-quality ECF training programme.

Schools can use a different Appropriate Body to their ECF delivery partner. This happens currently and can work successfully without any detrimental impact on the ECT or their induction.

Can I still register with you from Easter 2023?

Yes, absolutely. Hampshire Assure are more than happy to accept new registrations for two-year ECT inductions from Easter 2023, but schools should be aware that the ECT will not be able to complete their Induction with us and the final couple of terms will need to be transferred to a new Appropriate Body. Both Teaching School Hubs have confirmed that they are happy to work with the current forms and processes that these transitional ECTs will have in order to complete their Induction with as least disruption as possible.

Affected schools will be contacted nearer the time to start discussions about who they want to transfer to.

Schools registering ECTs who have already completed part of their two-year Induction may well be able to complete their Induction with one Appropriate Body and are therefore not affected by the transitional arrangements, as long as they are registered prior to September 2023.

What about new registrations from September 2023?

Schools with new ECTs from September 2023 will need to make a decision about which Teaching School Hub to use as their Appropriate Body. It is anticipated that schools will make this decision based on geographical location. Attached is an introductory communication from each of the Teaching School Hubs in relation to their Appropriate Body services.

It may be that schools use a Teaching School Hub for their new ECTs whilst retaining their current ECTs with Hampshire Assure until the completion of their Induction for ease and continuity of provision.

Next steps

Current ECTs registered with Hampshire Assure who are expected to complete on or before July 2024 are not affected by these changes. However, all schools should start considering which Appropriate Body they wish to use for ECTs who start after September 2023.

Hampshire Assure and the local Teaching School Hubs will continue dialogue beyond the transition date of July 2024 to ensure the least disruption to schools and ECTs as possible.

We will continue to update schools and provide further details nearer the time over the coming terms.

Queries to Hampshire Assure should go to ect.info@hants.gov.uk.