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NPQH Assessment Programme 2015-16

Full details and arrangements for NPQH Assessment Programme applications will be announced shortly. Programme content will continue to build on the success of previous years and remain wholly focused on assessment of a candidate’s practice, measured against the Leadership Standards.

All prospective applicants should ensure that they are familiar with current guidance and resources available on Learning Wales (http://learning.gov.wales/yourcareer/leadershipdevelopment/leadership-programmes/national-professional-qualification-for-headship/?lang=en).

Key messages and actions for prospective applicants:

- The NPQH is **not** a course of training but is a rigorous assessment of practitioners against the Leadership Standards. The focus is on the required skills and attributes of headship as articulated in the Standards. Practitioners will need to show how their professional practice to date meets the Standards in order to receive the Qualification.

- You should only consider applying for the NPQH if you are serious about becoming a head teacher and can answer ‘**yes**’ to the following two questions:
  1. Is headship the next stage in my career?
  2. Do I want to become a head teacher within the next three years?

- Undertake a rigorous assessment of your current leadership experience and practice. The ‘Individual Leadership Review’ document is an excellent starting point to support you with this key action. Copies are readily available on the Learning Wales website, including exemplar material (http://learning.gov.wales/yourcareer/leadershipdevelopment/individual-leadership-review/?lang=en)

- Share and discuss your intentions, including the content of your ‘ILR’ with your line-manager / Head teacher at the earliest opportunity. Application endorsement procedures for the 2015-16 NPQH Round will be rigorous therefore early discussion with your professional colleagues is strongly advised.
2015-16 Briefing Sessions:

- July 2015: Electronic NPQH Briefing Session available on Learning Wales and Consortia websites (this will provide you with full application details and timescales).
- September 2015: National NPQH Briefing Sessions held regionally (full details to follow).

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