

Consultation Summary Paper

DfE Consultation on proposal to create a College of Teaching and raise the quality of CPD

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A summary of the consultation

The consultation seeks responses to proposals to set up a fund and a set of standards to drive improvements in the quality of CPD for teachers. In addition, it seeks expressions of interest from bodies interested in taking forward the establishment of a College of Teaching (including business models to enable self-funding and independence from Government).

A summary of the Pearson response

- Pearson is not expressing an interest in setting up and running the proposed independent College of Teaching.
- The proposed college should develop frameworks and tools to help teachers and schools evaluate Professional Development Courses and to choose well. The frameworks and tools should reference relevant research on impact of professional development on raising standards of teaching and having a positive impact on learning outcomes.
- Government funding for professional development with high quality evidence of impact on teaching and learning would increase uptake, particularly helping schools with the cost of supply cover.
- Teaching schools providing professional development should be helped through partnership with professional development providers to scale up and quality assure their professional development offers, enabling them to reach more schools, particularly those requiring improvement or which are inadequate, or which are in areas of social disadvantage.