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Background information about Estyn

Estyn is the Office of Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales. As a Crown body, Estyn is independent of the Welsh Government.

Estyn's principal aim is to raise the standards and quality education and training in Wales. This is primarily set out in the Learning and Skills Act 2000 and the Education Act 2005. In exercising its functions, Estyn must give regard to the:

- Quality of education and training in Wales;
- Extent to which education and training meets the needs of learners;
- Educational standards achieved by education and training providers in Wales;
- Quality of leadership and management of those education and training providers;
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of learners; and,
- Contribution made to the well-being of learners.

Estyn's remit includes (but is not exclusive to) nurseries and non-maintained settings, primary schools, secondary schools, independent schools, pupil referrals units, further education, adult community learning, local government education services, work-based learning, and teacher education and training.

Estyn may give advice to the Assembly on any matter connected to education and training in Wales. To achieve excellence for learners, Estyn has set three strategic objectives:

- Provide accountability to service users on the quality and standards of education and training in Wales;
- Inform the development of national policy by the Welsh Government;
- Build capacity for improvement of the education and training system in Wales.

This response is not confidential.

Response

Introduction

This response is prepared by Alun Connick HMI, lead inspector for Learning in the Justice Sector, on behalf of Meilyr Rowlands, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales, Estyn, Anchor Court, Keen Road, Cardiff CF24 5JW.

Consultation questions

Do any programmes of work duplicate, overlap or clash with inspections or other work you have planned (or are otherwise aware of) over this 2-year period?

There are no clear clashes with Estyn's work. Where inspection activity requires an input by Estyn inspectors, Estyn will endeavour to ensure that we provide HMIP and HMI Probation with the appropriate support to enable them to carry out their work in Wales.

Are there any other subject areas which you believe warrant inclusion in our criminal justice joint inspection programme?

Within prisons, Estyn would welcome the opportunity to explore any examples of good or innovative practice where staff have supported education learners to make progress in their learning during COVID-19 restrictions.

Within the Probation sector, Estyn would be interested in exploring how effectively Youth Offending Team staff have been able to work in partnership with education providers to support young people to access digital resources and to progress within their education.

Is the programme balanced, reflecting the breadth and depth of issues facing the criminal justice system?

Estyn is content with, and supports the balance and breadth of, the programme of work that CJI proposes.