

February 2020

2020 – 2023 NCER Steering Group Elections

NCER

- There are 2 vacancies on the NCER Steering Group for 2020-23. If you would like to nominate your LA for a position on the Steering Group, all member LAs can apply, then please go to the NCER drop down menu in Nexus (top right) and select NCER > <u>Management and Governance</u> to download the 2020 NCER Steering Group Nomination Form and the 2020 Steering Group Election Arrangements document, which outlines a summary of the Steering Group role.
- Please submit Steering Group nomination forms to <u>peter.richmond@halton.gov.uk</u> before 6 March 2020. If you have any queries regarding being a member of the NCER Steering group, please contact Peter on the email above.

2019 - 2022 NCER Director Elections

NCER Non-Executive Director – We warmly welcomed Ed Parker into this role in October 2019. Ed has a successful career in IT consultancy work, working with organisations like the DfE, and is providing advice to NCER on all aspects of our work.

NCER Finances

Details of the 2020-21 NCER membership / CLA project charges were sent to LAs on 7th October 2019 and are on the forum in Nexus > General > NCER Bulletins section.

NCER and GDPR

- For authorities to be GDPR compliant we advise LAs to complete and sign the NCER/LA Data Processing Agreement and then email the signed form to the NCER Managing Director for signature on <u>peter.richmond@halton.gov.uk</u>. 16 LAs still need to complete this process. If you are unsure if your LA has completed a NCER/LA Data Processing Agreement, please email Peter to check.
- Go to <u>www.ncer.org > Who We Are ></u> <u>Management & Governance</u> to access the NCER / LA Data Processing Agreement (DPA) form and additional GDPR Policies.

2020 NCER Annual Members' Meeting

Two free places (subject to note below*) are available for each member LA at the 2020 NCER Annual Members' Meeting at The ICC Birmingham.

This year's meeting focuses on "Using Nexus Intelligence". At this year's meeting our aim is to help you use Nexus intelligence effectively. We will



be outlining new Nexus developments in Nova and Insight. We will also be presenting new developments for the NCER CLA (Looked after Children) and CIN (Children in Need) projects. In addition, we have Cllr Jayne Francis - Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture speaking about Education in Birmingham and James Page, Chief Executive of the Haringey Education Partnership, delivering a key note speech on behalf of the London Education Strategic Leads Group.

For further information about the day, please click on the <u>agenda</u> and <u>how to book</u>. Both can also be found on the forum post Nexus > General > NCER News > 2020 NCER Annual Members' Meeting Booking Detail

*Please note: First place for each LA is guaranteed. Booking for second place is subject to availability, on a first come first basis, as we have a limit of 200 places.

Nexus News

Insight, the new intelligent reporting and data translation module in Nexus, now has a <u>Groups</u> module to show Disadvantaged and SEN data.

Schools also have access to **Analysis (Insight)** and can lift narrative sections to add to their SEF. If you haven't rolled out Insight to your schools yet go to <u>Perspective Integrated</u> <u>Services</u> to switch it on!

Importing Data into Nexus – as members of NCER, working as a community of LAs, we aim to provide all LAs in the country with the earliest and most reliable comparative data available. Please help the NCER community by loading in all imports into Nexus. Use your Keypas Import Indicator on the Nexus home page to check which data your LA still needs to load in -don't forget to load in all three school census data to ensure you have <u>a full year of</u> <u>absence data</u> in Insight.

NCER Looked After Children (CLA) Project Update

- Insight CLA is available for VSHs and many are finding the easy to understand graphics and data translations invaluable for reporting.
- 2019 Early NCER CLA (LA) it is now possible to load CLA data into Nexus as early as June to take advantage of the early primary comparator data. It is also possible to load in your CLA data to Nexus before making your return to the DfE in order to quality assure the SSDA903 data before sending to the DfE.
- 2019 NCER CLA Analyses (DfE) was released in February 2020. Nexus Admins, please ensure

your VSHs know the difference between CLA (DfE) and CLA (LA) data in Insight and Nova.

NEW - NCER Children in Need (CIN) Project

NCER are working on a new Children in Need (CIN) project that matches the statutory CIN census to attainment and census data held in Nexus to provide an early insight into the attainment of some of the most vulnerable children. The project is like the NCER CLA project, with Nova and Insight style reporting being available for use with specific CIN parameters. More will be presented at the 2020 NCER Annual Members' Meeting.

NCER Community Update

NCER Community Update PowerPoint presentations outline key information about NCER, Nexus and NCER CLA / CIN projects. These updates are available quarterly -March /June/September/December and are added to the <u>NCER News Forum</u>. We encourage members to use these within regional and wider team meetings in their LA to keep colleagues informed about NCER.

NCER / NPIMG / LGA Strategic Use of Data Conference

NCER, the National Performance Information Management Group (NPIMG) and the LGA are planning a joint conference in 2020 for LA senior leaders to further discuss developments in data systems for looked after children and children in need. More information to follow...

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