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1. Overview

The purpose of this publication is to provide updated figures on the amount of system leaders currently working within the school system in England. There is variation between reports due to the natural churn of the system, including designation processes, changes to eligibility and staff turnover.

The number of system leaders that are currently designated is actively managed and the department keeps these matters under review.

This information is correct as of 1 December 2018.

As at 1 December 2018, across England there were:

- 655 teaching school alliances – a decrease of 5 from 1 September 2018
- 816 teaching schools – a decrease of 5 from 1 September 2018
- 1,255 national leaders of education – a decrease of 10 from 1 September 2018

- 407 national leaders of governance – a decrease of 8 from 1 September 2018

2. Teaching schools and teaching school alliances

As at 1 December 2018 there were 655 teaching school alliances across England and 816 teaching schools.

The number of teaching school alliances decreased by 5 and the number of teaching schools decreased by 5 from September 2018. Around 82% of teaching school alliances had one teaching school although a few had as many as 5 or 6.

Teaching schools were present in all 8 English RSC areas, and in 149 out of 150 local authorities: City of London and Isles of Scilly are excluded from the analysis as each has only one maintained school. The Isle of Wight is the only local authority not to have a teaching school although it should be noted that teaching schools and teaching school alliances can work across local authority boundaries.

Lancashire and West Yorkshire had the highest number of teaching schools with 134 (16.4%). The North had the fewest with 69 (8.5%).

2.1 Number of teaching schools by RSC area

RSC area	Number of teaching schools	Change from September 2018	Percentage of all teaching schools
East Midlands and the Humber	90	0	11.0%
East of England and North East London	104	0	12.7%
Lancashire and West Yorkshire	134	0	16.4%
North	69	-1	8.5%
South Central and North West London	106	-3	13.0%
South East and South London	123	-2	15.1%
South West	84	1	10.3%
West Midlands	106	0	13%
Total	816	-5	100%

(Source: DfE Management Information)

3. National leaders of education (NLEs)

As at 1 December 2018 there were 1,255 national leaders of education, a decrease of 10 from September

2018.

The majority of NLEs belong to different schools and only 57 schools have 2 or more NLEs. NLEs were present in 150 of 150 local authorities: City of London and Isles of Scilly are excluded from the analysis as each has only one maintained school. The Isle of Wight is the only local authority to not have a NLE although NLEs can work across local authority boundaries.

Lancashire and West Yorkshire have the highest number of NLEs with 226 (18%). The North has the fewest with 109 (8.7%).

3.1 Number of NLEs by RSC area

RSC area	Number of NLEs	Change from September 2018	Percentage of all NLEs
East Midlands and the Humber	189	1	15.1%
East of England and North East London	112	-4	8.9%
Lancashire and West Yorkshire	226	0	18%
North	109	1	8.7%
South Central and North West London	147	0	11.7%
South East and South London	188	-7	15.0%
South West	125	3	10.0%
West Midlands	158	-5	12.6%
Not applicable*	1	1	0.1%
Total	1,255	-10	100%

*Not applicable refers to NLEs/NLGs who are currently in between schools or alternatively have a British Forces Post Office (BFPO) address.

(Source: DfE Management Information)

4. National leaders of governance (NLGs)

There were 407 NLGs as at 1 December 2018. This was a decrease of 8 from September 2018. A total of 131 local authorities had at least one NLG.

Lancashire and West Yorkshire had the highest number of NLGs with 76 (18.7%). The North and West Midlands had the fewest with 34 (8.4%).

4.1 Number of NLGs by RSC area

RSC area	NLGs	Change from September 2018	Percentage of all NLGs
East Midlands and the Humber	70	-1	17.2%
East of England and North East London	39	3	9.6%
Lancashire and West Yorkshire	76	-2	18.7%
North	34	0	8.4%
South Central and North West London	51	-3	12.5%
South East and South London	68	0	16.7%
South West	35	1	8.6%
West Midlands	34	0	8.4%
Not applicable*	0	0	0.0%
Total	407	-8	100%

*Not applicable refers to NLEs/NLGs who are currently in between schools or alternatively have a BFPO address.

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