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Teaching schools and system leadership: June 2021

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Overview

This publication provides updated figures on system leaders currently working within the school system in England. There is variation between reports due to the natural churn of the system, changes to eligibility and staff turnover.

Designation rounds for national leaders of education (NLEs) and teaching schools closed in May 2018, and designation rounds for national leaders of governance (NLGs) closed in May 2017. There will be no further NLE designation rounds until the Department for Education (DfE) has implemented the [recommendations of the NLE advisory group](#) (published in February 2020). The teaching schools programme will end in August 2021 and there will be no further designations to this programme. The current NLG designations will end in August 2021.

We confirmed in February 2021 that 87 schools have been selected as [teaching school hubs \(TSH\)](#), forming centres of excellence for teacher and leadership training and development, focusing mainly on the Department's 'golden thread' of Initial Teacher Training (ITT), the Early Career Framework (ECF) and National Professional Qualifications (NPQs).

On Thursday 20th May, we announced that the National Governance Association (NGA) will be awarded a contract to deliver the reformed National Leaders of Governance (NLG) programme for up to 4 years. On Wednesday 30th June NGA opened the application process for new NLGs. The application round will close at 9am on Thursday 29th July 2021. We are keen to attract high calibre trustees and governance professionals to apply for this exciting role. Further information about the role and application round can be found on the [NGA website](#).

Applications will be assessed over the summer and DfE will confirm designations by the end of September 2021.

As at 1 June 2021, across England there were:

- 87 Teaching School Hubs – no change from 1 March 2021
- 599 Teaching School Alliances - a decrease of 2 from 1 March 2021
- 731 Teaching Schools - a decrease of 2 from 1 March 2021
- 978 National Leaders of Education - a decrease of 9 from 1 March 2021
- 313 National Leaders of Governance - a decrease of 5 from 1 March 2021

Number of teaching school hubs by RSC area

RSC area	Number of TSH
East of England & North East London	10
East Midlands & Humber	12
Lancashire & West Yorkshire	14
North	6
North West London & South Central England	10
South East & South London	13
South West	11
West Midlands	11
Total	87

(Source: DfE Management Information)

Teaching schools and teaching school alliances

As at 1 June 2021, there were 599 teaching school alliances across England and 731 teaching schools. The number of teaching school alliances decreased by 2 and the number of teaching schools decreased by 2 from March 2021. 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 147 out of 150 local authorities: City of London and Isles of Scilly are excluded from the analysis as each has only one maintained school.

Number of teaching schools by RSC area

RSC area	Number of teaching schools	Change from March 2021	Percentage of all teaching schools
East Midlands & Humber	82	0	11.2%
East of England & North East London	94	0	12.9%
Lancashire & West Yorkshire	123	0	16.8%
North	62	0	8.5%
South Central & North West London	88	0	12.0%
South East & South London	110	-1	15.0%
South West	80	0	10.9%
West Midlands	92	-1	12.6%
Total	731	-2	

(Source: DfE Management Information. Please note that as the percentages are rounded, the total value will not always be 100%)

National leaders of education (NLEs)

As at 1 June 2021, there were 979 National Leaders of Education, a decrease of 8 from 1 March 2021.

The majority of NLEs belong to different schools and only 27 schools have 2 or more NLEs. NLEs were present in 148 of 150 local authorities.

Number of NLEs by RSC area

RSC area	Number of NLEs	Change from March 2021	Percentage of all NLEs
East Midlands & Humber	139	-2	14.2%
East of England & North East London	82	-1	8.4%
Lancashire & West Yorkshire	184	-2	18.8%
North	87	0	8.9%
South Central & North West London	109	-1	11.1%
South East & South London	150	0	15.3%
South West	95	-1	9.7%
West Midlands	131	-2	13.4%
Not applicable	1	0	0.1%
Total	978	-9	

(Source: DfE Management Information. Please note that as the percentages are rounded, the total value will not always be 100%)

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

National leaders of governance (NLGs)

There were 313 NLGs as at 1 June 2021. This was a decrease of 5 from March 2021. A total of 116 local authorities had at least one NLG.

Number of NLGs by RSC area

RSC area	Number of NLGs	Change from March 2021	Percentage of all NLGs
East Midlands & Humber	58	-2	18.5%
East of England & North East London	27	0	8.6%
Lancashire & West Yorkshire	61	-1	19.5%
North	22	0	7.0%
South Central & North West London	41	0	13.1%
South East & South London	53	0	16.9%
South West	28	-1	8.9%
West Midlands	23	-1	7.3%
Not applicable	0	0	0.0%
Total	313	-5	

(Source: DfE Management Information. Please note that as the percentages are rounded, the total value will not always be 100%)

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

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