Dear All,

As you will be aware, in January we published the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Strategy: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-recruitment-and-retention-strategy>

In Chapter 4, on making it easier for great people to become teachers, we recognised the scope to build a more efficient and effective initial teacher training (ITT) system. We committed to working with providers to review the initial teacher training (ITT) market and identify potential improvements to it.

As a first step in this process, we are running a series of workshops. At these workshops, we would like to speak with:

* Representatives of accredited providers, with knowledge of the trainee recruitment process and course delivery as well as the strategic direction of the provision
* Those responsible for ITT provision within School Direct lead schools
* Those responsible for ITT provision in placement or School Direct partner schools

We appreciate that different providers and lead schools operate in different ways, and so we are hesitant to specify job titles or roles within organisations. However, we would like attendees to be able to talk about their institutions’ motives for being involved in ITT, the challenges and benefits of involvement, and any reflections on the system as a whole.

As an accredited provider, **we would really value your attendance. We would also be grateful if you could publicise these workshops within your ITT networks by forwarding this email on to School Direct lead schools and/or placement schools and encouraging them to sign up too**.

You may register all attendees via one email, or encourage lead schools and placement schools to sign up separately. Please register your interest by completing the registration of interest form attached and sending it to ITT.policy@education.gov.uk, including **‘ITT market review’** in the subject line.

Spaces are limited, so we will allocate places at the workshops on a first come first served basis. We will endeavour to run all the workshops, however depending on interest may need to merge some sessions. While you would only need to attend one session, if you are able to attend workshops on multiple days/locations/times, please indicate in the attached to assist our planning.

Thank you in advance for your input and support. If you have any questions, please direct them to ITT.policy@education.gov.uk, where one of the team will respond to you.

Kind regards,

ITT National Policy Team