



5 March 2018

Dear ,

### **ATISN 12100 – request for information on drugs education**

Further to the email sent on the 22 February I now include information relating to your Freedom of Information request on drugs education.

You requested the following information:

- 1. What training is given to Teachers to deliver drugs education?**
- 2. What guidance are schools given on who should deliver PSHE lessons on drugs education?**
- 3. What percentage of PSHE delivered in schools must include drugs education?**

The following sets out the information the Welsh Government holds in relation to those questions:

- 1. Training given to Teachers to deliver drugs education.** All student teachers must meet the current Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) Standards by the end of their Initial Teacher Education (ITE) with ITE providers. To gain QTS, trainees must show that they know and understand the National Curriculum aims and guidelines. This includes the Personal, social and health education framework.

Although not all trainees will go on to teach Personal and Social Education (PSE), they are expected to be familiar with the guidance relevant to the phase and age ranges they are training to teach. Trainees should also understand that it is important for learners to develop and apply learning related to PSE and sustainable development and global citizenship through their study of the Foundation Phase areas of learning and all National Curriculum subjects.

- 2. Guidance to schools on who should deliver PSHE lessons on drugs education.**

There is no direction on who should deliver lessons on drugs education as that is matter for schools to decide. The PSE framework for 7 to 19-year-olds in Wales is the key guidance document that schools use in planning their personal and social

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education programme. It is stated in the guidance that a holistic approach should be adopted and that all staff agree the PSE policy,

- 3. Percentage of PSHE delivered in schools that must include drugs education.** This Welsh Government does not hold information on the percentage of PSE delivered in schools relating to drugs education. The delivery of the curriculum is delegated to schools and the decision on the precise content is a matter of local discretion.

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