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## **DGP Bulletin 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018** ***For School Governors by School Governors***

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### **To buy into DGP for the next financial year contact Sharon Siddons**

It is excellent value for money, excellent quality  
Offers wide benefits for Governors, Clerks and MATs

### **In a MAT? Forming a MAT?**

We can offer you bespoke training for your Local Governing Boards.  
Support your LGB to work to a scheme of delegation and provide sound governance practices. Contact Sharon for details.

## **Get up to date with the national picture**

**NGA Update**  
**7-9pm 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

## **Sam Henson NGA – Head of Information**

Sam, will be providing an update on current issues at our next Partnership meeting for Governors which will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at the Derby Conference Centre, London Road, Derby DE24 8UX**

**These sessions are much valued as a real opportunity to collaborate, discuss, share ideas in a friendly group of governors. There are still places available so do book a place and join us.**

### **Topics to be discussed include the following:**

- Spotlight on disadvantage and Pupil Premium
- SEN funding – any updates
- Parental engagement
- Findings from NGA MAT studies
- Right people around the table - recruiting and retaining school governors and trustees

**There is no cost to DGP Package members, otherwise £25 per governor (please note: where places are booked but not taken your school will still be charged).**

**Book a place with Sharon Siddons. 07771 252252 sharon@dgp.org.uk**

## **How to bring about rapid and sustained improvements in your board and get the most for your money?**

**Bespoke in School support is the answer.**

**A session tailored to your exact needs delivered to all of your board and clerk in your school.**

A typical 2-hour session costs £245 or £300 (non package) for up to 12 governors plus travel

**On a board of 12 this is £20.40 / £25 per governor.**

Typical sessions can cover:

- Supported self review
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Monitoring – getting first hand evidence
- What does outstanding governance look like?
- How can a board help to raise standards?
- Induction – tailored to your MAT Schemes of Delegation – contact Sharon for details

**What ever is required to plug your skill gap!**

### **Dare we mention GDPR?**

***Are you GDPR ready? New NGA guidance for clerks and questions for governing boards to be asking***

The governing board has overall responsibility for matters relating to data protection. From today, schools must comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when handling “any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person”; this includes personal information belonging to pupils, staff and parents.

The GDPR replaces the previous Data Protection Act, increasing possible sanctions for non-compliance while strengthening existing rights for individuals. Governing boards will need to ensure that suitable data protection policies and procedures are in place that have regard to obligations under the GDPR. Governing boards should already have sought assurances that relevant staff have received GDPR training and that the school policies and procedures which relate to the processing and record management of data have been reviewed and updated accordingly. NGA has produced a set of [questions for governing boards to ask](#) in relation to GDPR.

This sits alongside the other guidance available on the NGA guidance centre including an [overview of what GDPR is and how it impacts governing boards](#) and guidance on the role of the [Data Protection Officer](#). NGA Learning Link will be launching a new e-learning module, 'An Introduction to GDPR', in June.

Clerks will also need to have a good understanding of GDPR for two main reasons: firstly, they will need to advise governing boards on their responsibilities in relation to GDPR and secondly, as they will themselves be handling data, they will need to understand how they can comply with GDPR. The NGA Clerks and GDPR factsheet is designed to inform clerks about how GDPR affects their day to day role: [access it here](#).

## Clerks' Network Meeting

The next DGP Clerks' Network Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon at Ashgate Nursery School, 18 Stepping Lane, Derby, DE1 1GL.**

All Clerks welcome, refreshments provided. They will be sharing current issues that Clerks are dealing with. The topic for discussion this time will be Clerk's Appraisal.

Please take note of the parking situation in the information below.

**Those attending need to be aware that the parking outside the nursery belongs to the housing association and parking tickets are issued if people do not have parking permits – so find a parking space nearby. There is two hours of parking on Slater Avenue which is close to the nursery.**

If you wish to book a place at this meeting, please email Sharon. There is no cost to DGP member schools and a charge of £10 for non-package schools.

## 2018 - 2019 DGP Course Programme

Please book your places with Sharon - don't forget there is a 30% DGP partner discount for all our courses. The DGP Board evaluates all of the feedback from our courses. Feedback continues to show that we are providing high quality training for governors and clerks. Do let Sharon know if there is anything you would like us to add to our annual course programme or if your governing board would be better served by an 'In School Support' session tailor made to your requirements.

**To book places at any of the events below please contact Sharon on [sharon@dgovp.org.uk](mailto:sharon@dgovp.org.uk) or telephone: 07771 252252.**

**SUMMER TERM 2018****Safeguarding – The governor role****Competency area 5 Compliance**

Ofsted see Safeguarding as the 'golden thread which impacts on all areas of inspection. Whilst there will be designated safeguarding governor ALL governors have a Safeguarding responsibility. How do you discharge this vital responsibility?

**Franky Boyland - Assistant Head at The Kingsmead School and Sandra Fletcher – NLG**

7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  
Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
  
£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package

**Gathering first hand monitoring evidence****Competency area 2 Accountability**

Gain a greater understanding of the purpose of governor visits, how the evidence you gather support monitoring of the school development plan and strategic vision

**Sandra Fletcher – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG**

7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  
Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018  
  
£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package

**AUTUMN TERM 2018****Headteacher Appraisal****Competency area 2 Accountability**

Support your head through a robust appraisal process and objectives which support the school improvement agenda

**Chris Merrick – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG**

7-9pm Flint Bishop Boardroom  
Date Monday 1st Oct 2018  
  
£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package

**Governor Induction****Competency area 1,2,4,5,**

This is an in-depth course which covers fully the core strategic functions expected of governors. An essential for all governors. Recommended for clerks  
Three sessions plus on going mentoring

**Sandra Fletcher Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG**

7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  
Dates: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018  
  
£185 package or £265 non-package rate

**Why is the Foundation Stage so important?****Competency area 2 Accountability**

Understand the characteristics of high quality provision. Unpick expectations and consider how to track the progress of our youngest pupils

**Chris Merrick – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG**

7-9pm Flint Bishop Boardroom  
Date: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package

<p><b>Preparing Governors for an Ofsted Inspection</b>  <b>Competency area 1,2,3,4,5,</b>  What will Ofsted be looking for in outstanding governance?  What are the key elements needed to ensure you play your part in achieving a successful outcome?</p> <p><b>Trainer to be confirmed</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  Date: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018  £55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Overseeing the Financial Performance of the School</b>  <b>Competency area 2 Accountability</b>  Discharging this core function and looking at the implications of flat budgets. Does your school have the financial expertise to cope in these very challenging times ahead?</p> <p><b>Sandra Fletcher – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Flint Bishop Boardroom  Date: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Making your Ethos, Culture and Values Visible NEW</b>  <b>Competency area 5 Compliance</b>  Can you articulate what your ethos, culture and values are?  Do they drive the work of the board?  Are British Values embedded and how do you as a governor know this?  What will Ofsted be looking for in your school?</p> <p><b>Chris Merrick- Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  Date: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Skills of Chairing – practical tips for aspiring COG and Chairs of Committee</b>  <b>Competency area 3 People</b>  An opportunity to consider the skills needed to chair an effective meeting and the essential components of a good meeting</p> <p><b>Chris Merrick – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>6-9pm Derby Conference Centre  Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018</p> <p>£70.00 package rate or £100.00 non-package rate</p>