

NOS Governance Group (NOS GG) update – 2020-21 Quarter 2 Update

NOS Strategy

We are pleased to announce that, following an open and competitive tender exercise, Pye Tait has been commissioned to develop a new NOS Strategy. This will replace the existing document, which expires at the end of 2020. NOS GG members are meeting with Pye Tait representatives to discuss the approach it would like taken, which will include conducting a series of online facilitated workshops with key stakeholders during the autumn to develop the strategy content.

The Edge Foundation has submitted its report following the stakeholder research it undertook earlier this year to establish NOS user perspectives. The report has highlighted the ongoing value of NOS and offered a series of recommendations for NOS GG to consider. The evidence provided will help inform the development of the new strategy.

Mid-Year Review of NOS Budget

The Devolved Administrations and SDS (as the NOS managing agent) will be meeting during October to review spend to date and consider options for any potential underspend.

Supplier workshops

The recent series of supplier workshops concluded on 23 September, when a final session was held giving a NOS GG update on achievements to date and outlining next steps to develop the new strategy.

Contract inception meetings have taken place with suppliers and NOS GG members would like to reiterate their thanks to suppliers during what have been unprecedented circumstances during the last few months as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. We appreciate that the situation is presenting significant challenges to the way we work and live and we are aware of the impacts this is having on NOS development. Our wish is that suppliers continue to take forward contracts and products that have been prioritised for development, as far as is practically possible. We are happy to be flexible and support suppliers to facilitate different ways of working and are grateful for the efforts being made to use alternative methods of consultation to avoid face-to-face meetings. If you experience any problems, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Identifying NOS priorities for 2021-22

In advance of the annual exercise which will commence later this year to identify demand for NOS products requiring review/development/translation during 2021-22, we would be grateful if suppliers could start considering requirements in their areas/sectors.

Priorities for development using public funding are agreed by considering workplace health and safety impacts, occupational legislative changes and ministerial/policy priorities. Labour market intelligence from a variety of sources is also analysed to highlight occupational trends/changes such as occupations which are emerging, in decline or facing change due to technological developments, regulations or updated working practices.

NOS GG Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference of the NOS GG have been published on the [NOS website](#) for information.