

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

An external review of governance looks at how well a school's governing board is working. The review is offered as support to improve and develop governance, and not as an additional inspection. It will help governing boards identify priorities for improvement, and provide support on what steps to take.

What are National Leaders of Governance (NLGs)?

Who are they?

- Highly experienced Chairs of Governors who use their skills and experience to support Governing Boards in other schools or academies

What is their aim?

- To increase leadership capacity to help raise standards so that improvements can be sustained.

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An external review of governance will usually take between 2 to 3 days, including a follow-up visit to review impact. The estimated cost is around £1,000 to £1,500.

The charge for a review will be agreed between the reviewer and the school through the Teaching School.

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A full external review covers four core areas:

- 1: Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- 2: Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- 3: Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- 4: Effective Governance Practice

Schools may wish to undertake a health check on a specific core area rather than commission a full review. Cost for this will be agreed between the reviewer, the school and the Teaching School.

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