

Response from Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB) to the White Paper: Inaugural Review of Quality Assurance in ETB's

Kerry Education and Training Board welcomes this White Paper and QQI's policy decision to use its legislative capacity to conduct a **quality review as a monitoring and dialogue tool**, (as proposed in Section 4.8 of the Green Paper on Monitoring and Dialogue in May 2013).

In relation to the White Paper- Section 2.1/ Subsection 2.1.5 *Consistency and Diversity*, Kerry ETB would be keen that examples of practice will be highlighted through **the Sectoral Review**, which hold the potential to **assist the sector in adopting a consistency of approach to QA**.

Kerry ETB also notes Subsection 2.1.2 *Effectiveness*, and is of the view that individual ETB Reviews should provide **insight into drivers of good QA practice within the ETB**.

The multi- dimensional nature of quality warrants a multidimensional approach considering the effectiveness of ETB's in quality assuring their teaching/instructing, learning and associated services. In relation to Section 3.5 Outcomes, the **self-evaluation report is a key anchor point of this multidimensional approach**- providing the review team with an overview of what has been achieved, and the lessons learnt.

In relation to Section 3.4, Kerry ETB also notes the composition of the review team and welcomes the intention to achieve **broad involvement of stakeholders** in the analysis and response to the ETB's self-evaluation report. Kerry ETB welcomes QQI's intention to have review teams that reflect our stakeholder base. Kerry ETB would be keen that the review captures learner, employer, staff and management **perceptions of quality** and; given Kerry ETB's role as Coordinating Provider for New Apprenticeship Programmes, that the review process also provides insight into **perceptions of quality in employer based training**.

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