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## Press release

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# Education Workforce Council launches national workforce survey for Wales.

The Education Workforce Council, the body which regulates education practitioners in Wales, is launching the first national survey for the workforce in Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government on 31 October.

All education practitioners in Wales, which includes school teachers, further education teachers as well as school and FE learning support workers will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on matters including professional development, performance management, and workload. The survey will take around 10 minutes to complete and offers the chance to influence future education policy in Wales.

The surveys which have been developed for each registrant group are available bilingually at [www.ewc.wales](http://www.ewc.wales).

EWC Chair Angela Jardine says, "This is the first time that the education workforce in Wales has had the opportunity to have their say on everything that affects them – from workload to performance management.

"It's a golden opportunity for staff across the country to express their opinion with the intention of influencing future education policy. We will consider the results carefully and hope to publish them in January 2017."

Cabinet Secretary for Education Kirsty Williams AM added, "I want to work closely with the education workforce to help them be the best they can be, while raising the standing of the professions as a whole. Without enthused, valued and skilled professionals we can't offer our learners the educational opportunities they deserve.

"I'm pleased to be carrying out this manifesto commitment as I believe it is essential for us to listen to the professions and gauge their opinion in a number of key areas. This pilot survey will provide a useful source of information for our national mission of education reform. The survey demonstrates the value we place on our education workforce and our commitment to ensuring that they are at the heart of developments on matters which affect them."

The survey will be conducted until Friday, 2 December 2016.

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