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Press release

EWC announces first ITE-accredited programmes in Wales

From September 2019, the Education Workforce Council will accredit all initial teacher education (ITE) programmes in Wales. This new function is being carried out by the EWC through its ITE accreditation board, which was established in August 2017.

Partnerships intending provide ITE programmes were asked to submit proposals to EWC by 1 December 2017, with programme submissions received from six partnerships across Wales.

Partnerships were notified of the accreditation decision on 29 June 2018. A detailed report for each programme, outlining committee decisions against each of the accreditation criteria was also made available to partnerships. All decisions are subject to an appeals process.

Professor John Furlong, Chair of the ITE Accreditation Board, said, "The accreditation process has been conducted in an open, fair and rigorous way.

"Moreover, it is evident that as a result of the changes to provision that are now in progress, Wales will soon have an ITE sector of which it can be proud; a sector that can provide the high quality new teachers that we need for our children and young people, now and in the future."

The accredited programmes are Yr Athrofa Professional Learning Partnership, Cardiff Partnership, CaBan and Aberystwyth Partnership and are all subject to conditions being met by each partnership.

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