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EWC Appoints New Chair of its Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Accreditation Board

The Education Workforce Council (EWC) is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Hazel Hagger as new Chair of its ITE Accreditation Board.

Dr Hagger succeeds Professor John Furlong, who has been serving as chair of the board since June 2017.

The appointment of Dr Hagger, who has been a member of the board since 2017, will be effective as of 1 September 2019.

Dr Hagger is the former Director of Professional Programmes at Oxford University Department of Education, and has lectured extensively in the UK and abroad on various aspects of teachers' learning and development. She has also published a number of books and articles on the nature, acquisition and development of teachers' professional knowledge, on partnerships in teacher education and on mentoring.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Education Workforce Council is the independent regulator in Wales for teachers in maintained schools, further education teachers and learning support staff in both school and FE settings, as well as youth workers and people involved in work-based learning.
2. Under the Education Workforce Council (Accreditation of Initial Teacher Training) Additional Functions) Order 2017, EWC has a statutory responsibility to:
 - accredit programmes of Initial Teacher Education (ITE)
 - monitor compliance of accredited programmes against Welsh Government criteria
 - withdraw accreditation of programmes.
3. From September 2019, all initial teacher education programmes offered by partnerships in Wales must be accredited by the EWC. This new function is carried out by EWC's ITE Accreditation Board, who play a vital role in ensuring that initial teacher education programmes in Wales are assessed as being fit for purpose against stringent new criteria set by the Welsh Government.