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| **TITLE**  | **Education Workforce Council Consultation Investigating Committee and Fitness to Practise Committee membership – consultation response** |
| **DATE**  | **31 January 2024** |
| **BY** | **Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language** |

I am grateful to all the individuals and organisations who took the time to respond to our consultation on proposals to amend the Education Workforce Council (EWC) Investigating Committee and Fitness to Practise Committee membership. [Today I am pleased to publish a summary of those responses](https://www.gov.wales/education-workforce-council-investigating-committee-and-fitness-practise-committee-membership).

The consultation provided an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on our proposals and assessment of their potential impacts. The consultation closed on 1 December and 27 responses were received.

There is clear support for the proposal to amend the provisions in the Education Workforce Counsil (Main Functions) (Wales) regulation 2015 that govern the membership of the Committees, which will mean the EWC will have more flexibility to appoint panel members from a wider pool of registered practitioners. The principles of fairness and transparency would remain and no person facing fitness to practise proceedings will be disadvantaged by the amendment.

Our proposals therefore will proceed unchanged, and the summary of responses will be published today.

The Education Workforce Council (Main Functions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 will come into force in March 2024.