

Following the redesign of the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) last year, NCSL is reviewing its provision for new headteachers. The planned changes are intended to support NPQH graduates in gaining headship positions and as they take up their first posts. We aim to support new headteachers in their roles, increase leadership skills and confidence, whilst encouraging learning, self reflection and development.

The new provision will include an entitlement to a professional partner (an experienced headteacher who will coach, mentor and provide practical support and advice to the new headteacher). We will also provide a range of high quality contextualised learning materials.

The current Early Headship Provision (EHP) which offers new headteachers a £1300 flexible grant plus entitlement to the New Visions development programme will cease from April 2010. New headteachers can register for the existing grant and New Visions up to the end of July 2009; grant only from 1 August to 31 March 2010; after that, there will be no new registrations for EHP. Existing participants will have until 31 March 2011 at the very latest to spend all of their grant money.