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Advertisement for a new Chair of NCER

NCER (The National Consortium for Examination Results) is a Community Interest Company wholly owned by local authorities. All upper-tier local authorities are in membership of NCER. NCER exists to provide local authorities with high-quality cost-effective systems for the provision of education performance data and analyses from pupil level upwards for Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage 5 data. NCER provides data analyses that enable local authorities to support and challenge schools and academies, and to target support where it is most needed. The strategic importance of the information provided by NCER has been highlighted through the Ofsted inspection of local authority school improvement functions. The NCER has a long history and over the years has developed a robust and effective structure, with a small Board of five Directors who are all local authority officers or recently-retired local authority officers, working with its software supplier, Angel Solutions. The NCER budget for 2018/19 is £1.64 million

The NCER Board of Directors is backed up by a Steering Group representing 15 local authorities. The Annual Meeting of the NCER is always well-attended by local authority representatives from across the country. The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held at the ICC at Birmingham on Friday 24th May 2019.

In recent years the NCER has developed effective strategic relationships with ADCS and LGA, and more recently, NAVSH and NPIMG, and the present Chair, John Freeman CBE, has led on building and sustaining these relationships. John Freeman is stepping down at the end of his present term of office at the end of March 2019, and NCER is now seeking a new Chair to take office in April 2019.

NCER wishes to appoint a new Chair who will provide both strategic leadership to the organisation and have credibility with our partner organisations – ADCS, the LGA and Solace. The new Chair will either be a serving or recently-retired local authority Chief Executive, Director of Children's Services or Education Director who is passionate about the strategic use of education data and will be able to work with the Board of Directors to lead NCER, and to be an effective external ambassador. With ADCS and the LGA in particular, the NCER Chair will work to ensure that senior and strategic managers are aware of, and promote the effective use of, NCER products within their local authorities. Within NCER, and in addition to knowledge of education, the new Chair will be expected to bring experience of such matters as corporate governance and procurement to add to the expertise of the NCER Board.

The term of appointment is three years, and the NCER would expect that the new Chair would serve at least one full term.

The new NCER Chair will -

- lead NCER so that it continues to be the foremost organisation in the area of educational performance data analysis for local authorities;
- provide strategic direction and leadership to the NCER through chairing the core NCER meetings, and promoting effective professional relationships within the NCER, and between the NCER, its strategic partners in local and national government, and its suppliers.

It is essential that the new NCER Chair is able to commit up to at least 24 days per year to NCER work.



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The NCER Chair, as with the other Directors, is not an employee of NCER but receives an annual honorarium. The payment for the 2019/20 financial year will be £16,125.

Further general information on NCER is available at www.ncer.org Further information on the role of the NCER Chair applicants are invited to speak to Peter Richmond, NCER Managing Director (and Divisional Manager – Council and Schools Governance / Service Improvement (DPO) for Halton Borough Council). Peter can be contacted on 0151 511 7003 / peter.richmond@halton.gov.uk.

Applications should be submitted by letter addressed to Peter Richmond at NCER, 3 Blakeley Court, Raby Mere, Wirral. CH63 0ND. Applications should include a CV and should address the matters set out above, demonstrating how the applicant will be able to add value to NCER.

All applications will be considered by the NCER Appointments Committee. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview in central Birmingham at the Birmingham Midlands Institute on Friday 2nd November 2018.

The interview panel will comprise the NCER Appointments Committee together with representatives from the NCER Steering Group.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday 8th October 2018.

Peter Richmond, NCER Managing Director

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