



NATIONAL LICENSING PANEL ADVISERS

1. Introduction

When we're appointing and reviewing **Licensed Awarding Bodies**, the Consortium Board has established a small National Licensing Panel team of expert advisers to assist the Quality in Careers Director by providing professional advice to the national licensing panels for Licensed Awarding Bodies.

Working with the Quality in Careers Director, these advisers:

- undertake an impartial scrutiny of a Licensed Awarding Body's application for its licence (whether the initial application or a relicensing) and advise whether to defer or to proceed with convening a national panel
- produce a preparatory brief for the Director to approve and issue to the national panel
- attend the national panel
- write the national panel report for the Director to approve and issue to the national panel for confirmation prior to its formal presentation to the Awarding Body
- undertake annual Continuing Quality Improvement Reviews with already licensed Awarding Bodies – producing CQIR reports for the Director to approve and issue to the Awarding Body

2. THE CURRENT TEAM

(i) ROGER ALLEN

- Roger is widely experienced in the education and business world, with a strong background in assessment work.
- He was a teacher and deputy head in the secondary sector for 18 years before becoming a Technical & Vocational Education Initiative (TVEI) Regional Adviser, working for the Manpower Services Commission.
- He joined North London TEC as executive director responsible for youth training and education related activities, working closely with the then three Careers Services in the locality.
- He became Director of the Young People's Unit at the Government Office for the East of England in Cambridge. A major part of this role was to support the development of Connexions services across the East of England.
- After becoming an independent consultant, Roger acted as an OfSTED Connexions Additional Inspector and produced many reports, including one on referrals between the Connexions Direct helpline and local Connexions services and several on the development of an Integrated Youth Support Service in the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham.
- Roger and an associate developed the Award for Education Business Excellence - the quality mark for education business links organisations. He became its senior Lead Assessor and carried out over 40 assessments.
- He served as part of the working group convened by the Careers England Quality Task Group to consider the proposals which led to the initial development of the Quality in Careers Standard in 2012.
- Roger has become a highly experienced Panel Adviser for Quality in Careers.

(ii) ANTHONY BARNES

- Anthony is an independent careers education consultant, trainer and materials developer – well known and highly respected nationally in the careers education world.
- He has written extensively on quality assurance in CEIAG and has experience of developing quality award schemes including the Careers Excellence Award that was used by the VT Careers Management Group before 2003.
- Anthony was a local authority inspector for careers education for seven years.
- He wrote a distance learning pack for Ofsted inspectors on how to inspect careers education and guidance.
- He also took part in school inspections for Ofsted as a team inspector and in Connexions inspections as an additional inspector.
- Anthony was part of the management group for the Government's careers education support programme until 2010.
- He served as part of the working group convened by the Careers England Quality Task Group to consider the proposals which led to the initial development of the Quality in Careers Standard in 2012
- Anthony edits the CEGNET website and monthly e-newsletter.
- Anthony has become a highly experienced Panel Adviser for Quality in Careers.

(iii) CLAIRE NIX

- Claire is a qualified careers adviser with over 25 years' experience working as a manager, trainer and consultant in the careers education and guidance sector. She has built a strong national reputation.
- Claire is a Fellow of NICEC.
- She has also served on the Board of the Career Development Institute.
- Claire was project manager for the Government's careers education support programme until 2010. She led the establishment of the CEGNET website and the development of the national resources pack to support statutory careers education.
- Claire has previously had lead responsibility for quality assurance in a range of different businesses and worked with a range of the earlier quality award schemes for CEIAG.
- She has also led health check and quality audits in individual schools and local authorities and was an additional inspector in Connexions inspections.
- Claire led the quality assurance strand for the three-year national STEM Careers Awareness project.
- She has also been an external examiner for the QCG course at Canterbury Christ Church.
- Claire joined the Quality in Careers national team in 2014 and, after primarily undertaking Continuing Quality Improvement Reviews of Licensed Awarding Bodies, she has now become a Panel Adviser for Quality in Careers.