**Become a Peer Inspector in the pupil referral unit and maintained special school sectors**

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About the role

We are currently recruiting for candidates to become Peer Inspectors who are senior leaders in:

* Maintained special schools
* Maintained pupil referral units (PRUs)

Peer Inspectors are a key part of our inspection teams. If you qualify as a Peer Inspector, you’ll:

* use your knowledge and skills during learning walks and lesson observations, talk to learners, and scrutinise samples of their work;
* have discussions with parents and educational staff
* use your observations to draft sections of the inspection report as part of the inspection team activity.

Being a peer inspector is a superb professional learning opportunity to see effective practice where it’s happening every day, and to take these examples back to your provision to support improvement.

# Eligibility

You’ll inspect through the medium of English and/or Welsh, and will have:

* at least two years’ experience in a senior leadership role, (Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher, Teacher in Charge of a PRU);
* at least 5 years’ teaching experience;
* support from your Headteacher/Teacher in Charge (where appropriate) or Support from the Chair of Governors or Management committee.

You must currently be working in the maintained special, PRU sector, or within primary, secondary or all-age schools who have responsibility for local authority specialist classes (ALN) to be eligible.

We’d particularly encourage those working in Welsh medium schools/PRUs to apply.

If you’ve applied to become a Peer Inspector before but have not been invited to the training, we’d be happy to consider a new application. Usually, we aim to allocate a proportion of training places to schools and PRUs that do not currently have peer inspectors.

# Selection and training

The training will be available in English and Welsh, and will include:

* **Pre-training activity:** a reading list you must complete before you attend the training.
* **Part two:** Three days of training including oral and written assessments.

- The training for PRUs and maintained special schools will be held on **19-21 November 2024** (location TBC).

* **Probationary inspection(s):** You’ll be deployed on an assessed inspection, and the lead inspector will grade your performance. You need an A or B grade to pass.

Peer Inspector training is free of charge, and we’ll pay for your travel and subsistence and accommodation (if you’re eligible) in line with our [travel and subsistence policy](https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2020-07/Travel%2520and%2520Subsistence%2520Policy%2520%2528January%25202019%2529.pdf).

# Disclosure and Barring Service check

If you’re invited to the training, you will need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check in place. It should be an enhanced certificate, no more than three years old, and should include the child workforce category. You’ll need this check to become a fully registered Peer Inspector.

# Deployment

We usually deploy peer inspectors around once a year or once every two years. A few peer inspectors are deployed more often. When you’re on inspection, we’ll pay a flat rate contribution to your school for supply cover. We’ll also cover your travel and subsistence costs.

Every year, we invite all Peer Inspectors to attend update training in the summer term; you must attend this training to carry on as a peer inspector. There’s no charge for the training, but we’re not able to pay supply cover or travel and subsistence costs.

# How to apply

**Online application form:** [**https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EQBPHU/**](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EQBPHU/)

## Closing date: 27 September 2024

We’ll contact everyone with the result of their application by **w/c 9 October 2024.**

Any fields marked with \* are mandatory, so you won’t be able to submit the form without entering a response for these fields. If they don’t apply to you, please enter ‘N/A’.

# Contact details

This pack contains all the information about the role and the application process, but if you have any questions, please email us at [events@estyn.gov.wales](mailto:events@estyn.gov.wales) or call us on 02920 44 6510.

We look forward to receiving your application.