

Developing local governance in your multi academy trust

Introduction

When a MAT board delegates any responsibilities to a local academy board, they still retain overall accountability. So, how does the trust board know that local boards are delivering effective governance of those responsibilities? There can be several reasons when a detailed review of the local governance of an academy in your trust can be beneficial:

- When a **new school or academy joins your trust**, a review of local governance can be part of your due diligence or induction process for a new school. This will offer clarity on the quality of governance your trust is inheriting.
- If you have **concerns about the performance of a school** in the MAT, a review of local governance will help identify if local governance is effective
- As part of your **accountability and assurance processes**, a ‘deep dive’ on local governance in each school is completed on a multi-year rotating basis.

Our solutions

We offer a range of solutions to meet your needs.

1. MAT external review of governance (ERG)

As part of a MAT ERG, we review the support provided to local boards and your accountability framework to ensure consistently high-quality governance at the local level. We will review evidence of local governance and provide a summary of findings and recommendations. To scope your MAT ERGs please [contact us](#).

2. LGB online self-assessment

Our LGB online self-assessment tool provides more analysis of how local governors feel about their board’s governance and their relationship with the trust. The self-assessment service includes time with a consultant to discuss recommendations on how to build your local governance practices. This is an ideal addition to your MAT ERG at just £169 per board.

3. LGB facilitated self-review

An NGA consultant will facilitate a bespoke two-hour workshop for local governors to review their governance practices. The workshop reflects your scheme of delegation, building local governors’ confidence and understanding of effective governance. Governors will work with our consultant to construct an action plan to develop their governance.

4. LGB external review of governance

This service provides a deep dive on the governance of an academy in your trust. Our consultant will review the effectiveness of meetings, monitoring visits, reporting, compliance and assurance processes. They will then provide a detailed report on their findings with recommendations and suggested actions. The service includes a workshop with the local board to develop their understanding and practices.

Our impact

We provide peace of mind that local governance is working effectively. Our guidance and support helps local boards to feel valued, impactful and effective. Local chairing skills are developed and the recruitment and retention of governors improves as a result. Your risks relating to effective local governance are reduced.

Our fees

1. MAT external review of governance

Price is dependent on scope. Please [contact us](#) to book a free scoping call.

2. LGB online self-assessment

£169 per board when commissioned as an add-on to a MAT external review of governance

3. LGB facilitated self-review

£899 for NGA members, £950 for non-members

4. LGB external review of governance

£2,000 per LGB for NGA members, £2,100 per LGB for non-members

NGA fees are inclusive of incidental expenses, materials and an allowance for travel.

Please note NGA's [terms and conditions](#) which include details of our cancellation policy.

To book your LGB review or discuss your needs please [contact us](#).