

Note of SPHE/RSE Post-primary DG online meeting, Feb 2021

Agenda item		Decision/Action
1. House keeping governance minutes and matters arising	The minutes of the meeting held on Dec 9 th were approved, the agenda was agreed and no conflicts of interest were declared.	
2. Research	The group discussed the research paper ' <i>What is best practice in sex and relationship education?</i> ' (Pound et al) and the conversation mainly focused on the need for comfortable, confident and competent teachers who have a qualification to teach SPHE/RSE. The group agreed that lack of ITE and CPD needs to be addressed side by side with the development of an updated curriculum.	
3. Interim Guidance Toolkit – update on progress	An update on progress regarding the publication of resources on www.curriculumonline.ie was presented and feedback was invited. It was suggested that teacher and student testimonies could be very helpful in promoting the toolkits as well as promotion via the mgt bodies.	Action Promote toolkit through JMB, ACCS and EBTI
4. Draft guidance materials	The following draft resources were discussed: <i>What makes a safe SPHE class?</i> <i>What makes an inclusive SPHE class?</i> <i>Dealing with disclosure, Student Voice in SPHE and Creative approaches to assessment in SPHE</i> A range of helpful suggestions were offered and amendments were agreed in relation to the various documents.	Action Incorporate feedback from the group and prepare for publication.
5. Update on SPHE short course review	An update on the review and consultation process that is underway in relation to the junior cycle SPHE short course specification was presented as well as the next steps and the timeline towards curriculum redevelopments.	Action Share weblink to SPHE consultation with DG
AOB Dates for next meetings	There was no AOB Monday, March 22 nd	