



Free and Truly Independent Governor Support

Agenda

- Introductions;
- IGovS and why they exist;
- What IGovS do;
- How and where do IGovS operate;
- How you make contact;
- Questions.

Over 300
successful
External
Reviews of
Governance
completed

12 members
chair other
educational
boards and
volunteer at
other charities

Over 250
years of
experience
chairing in
primary
schools

90% of our
members sit
on Audit and
Finance
Committees

45+ years
experience on
IEBs, plus 6th
form and
nursery school
experience

30 former
NLGS -
including
academy
trust chairs

180+ years of
experience
chairing in
secondary
schools

Members
include
experienced
clerks, mentors
and other key
specialists

Successful
support given
to both
MATs and
MACs

Members
have given
30+ years of
support to
special
schools

IGovS

Independent Governor Support

Our Reach and Impact

IGovS and why they exist.

- Originally a small Founder group set up a website and a Twitter account and the word spread through Social Media;
- All our members are ex-NLGs who decided not to reapply in Jun 2021 after identifying that new NLGs would largely focus on ERGs in failing schools;
- IGovS now consists of 30+ members covering the whole country, who all are committed to providing free advice, mentoring and coaching.

What IGovS do.

- Since we started operating in Sep 2021, through our website www.independentgovernor.com, 90+ requests for support have been received and passed to our members. No request has been turned down and 75% are still ongoing. These requests include but are not limited to:
 - Chair support/advice and help to find a new Chair;
 - Advice ref pay review for a HT or Senior Executives;
 - Remote grievance/complaints panels;
 - Keynote presentations to Governor events;
 - Support for a deferred inspection;
 - Strategic planning or Board restructures;
 - Supporting a new inexperienced team of governors;
 - Support to clerks and advice around the role of governance professionals;
 - Facilitating strategy/vision sessions;
 - Pre & post Ofsted planning and support.

Please note: Support from IGovS is free but if the person receiving our support requests it, some of our members have gone on to provide paid support e.g. External Reviews of Governance or if there is a need to travel substantial distances to provide face to face support. This is brokered with the individual IGovS member, not by IGovS.

How and where do IGovS operate

- IGovS are currently operating all over England as shown in this map;
- We can provide support or training remotely via emails, Zoom, Teams or phone calls.
- This can lead to face to face support or training if schools prefer.
- We add additional capacity to the system of support available through the new NLG system;
- We provide the support mentoring and coaching that is missing from the new NLG system;
- Our experience and knowledge has not been lost from Governance.





How you make contact.

- The map shows the locations of our current members although due to our operating model, we are truly without borders;
- Website - www.independentgovernor.com - We have had 2000+ unique visitors to our site;
- Twitter - [@IGovS1](https://twitter.com/IGovS1) - We have 800+ teachers, governors and governance professionals following us;
- LinkedIn – [Independent Governor Support](https://www.linkedin.com/company/independent-governor-support). We have 170+ followers on LinkedIn, many are LA Governor services.
- Email: independentgovernors@gmail.com

Finally.....

- *“Even the most experienced governors appreciate the opportunity to talk things through. My request for support was responded to quickly and the advice and guidance with which I was provided resulted in a successful outcome” (a Chair).*