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**Subject:** FW: SG discussion with James Westhead and Jonathan Dando, Teach First

Just to keep you in the loop.

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**From:** Roy D (David)  
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**To:** 'Ken Muir'; Hicks C (Clare); Robb SJ (Stuart)  
**Cc:** Robertson FMG (Fiona)  
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Stuart and I had a relatively brief (20 mins) tele-conference with James Westhead and Jonathan Dando earlier today. We covered similar ground to Ken's discussion with James on Wednesday. Key points:

- Confirmed they were speaking to contacts in Scotland including the GTCS. They claimed not to have seen a seen the letter from DFM to ITE providers and we undertook to provide them with a copy. In a similar vein to Ken, we explained the context for this work in Scotland was different than in other parts of the UK and that we are looking to solve particular Scottish issues (recruitment/subject shortages/attractiveness of teaching to a wider demographic).
- Asked a number of questions about new forms of ITE provision and expressed strong interest in tendering for future work around 'getting high-quality graduates into priority areas and subjects.' Keen to know about possible tender process, what exactly we would be looking for and whether we felt TF could provide a solution. We were clear that we had work to do on this and hadn't yet reached a final decision on a new programme or the associated tendering process. We also made clear that any new programmes must maintain teacher quality in Scotland and must meet requirements set by GTCS – they understand this. We agree to ensure they had the opportunity to tender if we go down that route.
- We were not asked about ITE uptake figures.
- Interested in the wider context of the Delivery Plan, closing the attainment gap etc to help ensure Paul Drechsler is well prepared for his meeting with FM on 21 September. They will touch base with us again in advance of the meeting with FM.

Fairly light discussion and nothing in it caused us concern.

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