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Dear Gavin,

### **Clarification regarding the National Tutoring Programme (NTP) and Randstad**

Following recent confirmation that the DfE has awarded the contract for the delivery of the National Tutoring Programme to Randstad, the NASUWT would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you.

In acknowledging the importance of the NTP and the potential to benefit hundreds of thousands of children and young people in schools and colleges across England, the Union seeks clarification about the specifics of the tendering process and the basis on which Randstad was awarded the tender, particularly in respect of its ability to deliver quality educational provision that is evidence-led.

This is ever more prescient given that Randstad is already paid to be a tutoring provider under the current NTP arrangements, as well as being an agency operating on the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) portal for the procurement of supply teachers.

Given the above, the Union would appreciate an understanding of the system of checks and balances put in place by the DfE to ensure that potential conflicts of interests are mitigated against, and that the Department is satisfied in respect of this, particularly given that the funding for the NTP has extended for the next three years.

The NASUWT would welcome an assurance that this has not been done at the expense of the terms and conditions, including remuneration, for those teachers, including supply teachers, administering the NTP.

I look forward to your positive response on these very important matters.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Patrick Roach  
**General Secretary**