

**National Specialist Training Group Grant
2022-23 Quarterly Progress Report**



Notes for completion

1. Complete all sections in full
2. Submit via email to your Customer Engagement Manager
3. Quarterly reports are due for submission by the 5th working day of the month following the end of quarter (April, July, October, January)
4. NSTG Grant payment will be processed by CITB on the 15th (or next working day) of the month following the end of the quarter (April, July, October, January)

National Specialist Training Group : ASITO (Access and Scaffolding Industry Training Organisation)

GTO name: [REDACTED]

GTO email: [REDACTED]

Declaration (please check below)

I confirm all details are correct to the best of my knowledge:

I confirm all sections have been fully updated to provide a complete record of delivery undertaken in the preceding quarter:

Signed upon completion (electronic signature acceptable): [REDACTED]

Date of submission Q1:

Date of submission Q2:

Date of submission Q3:

Date of submission Q4:

Guidance notes for quarterly input

TG Membership

For Q1, add your TG membership in full, including CITB registration numbers and company size. In column E, select either "existing TG member" or the month the employer joined your TG. Input "Yes" or "No" in the relevant quarter column to indicate whether they have been active with training or the strategic activities the NSTG is delivering. For following quarters, add any new members and input whether they have been active.

Strategic delivery narrative

Use this tab to provide a summary of your delivery / achievements against each activity within the relevant quarter. Identify if you are on track to achieve the deliverable within the timeframe agreed. Include any risks to the delivery or achievement of the activities and any actions taken to mitigate these risks.

Ensure all tabs and columns are completed correctly either by manual input or by using the drop down lists provided.

General narrative

Use this tab to include any narrative you wish about general activity about work your TG has undertaken in quarter outside of the agreed strategic activities.

| Quarterly highlight report | | Strategic activity narrative | | | | |
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| | | Quarter 1 | | | | |
| Strategic outcome | Activity/ies | Overall deliverables | Achievements: Please provide a narrative summary of the work you have completed against this objective in the quarter. Please note progress made, and identify any specific targets that have been met or exceeded. | On track: Is the NSTG on track with delivery against strategic activity? | Risks to deliverable: Identify any risks to achieving the deliverable. Include detail of any delivery that is behind schedule | Actions (if applicable): Planned action to mitigate risk/ delay to delivery |
| Increase the recruitment of new entrants to the sector | Youth (schools, colleges etc) engagement and careers events | To participate in a minimum of 4 careers events for schools and/or colleges with a minimum of 1 a quarter | Invited to deliver presentation and interactive session to Southampton City College construction students; Invited to SEN school in Portsmouth to deliver interactive session with VR | Yes | | |
| | Pre-employment training | To provide 1- or 2-week work placement opportunities for 50 young people through the NASC network of employer via Pre-Employment Training Schemes (PETS). Aiming for 12 a quarter but this is contingent on availability of funding via key stakeholders and the efficiency of the T-Level referral arrangements | Over 63 young people were offered opportunities this quarter through a combination of the Kickstart scheme, which has now concluded, and 2 PETS schemes in the West Midlands and London. Although we have achieved the target of 50, the NASC will continue to seek opportunities to recruit and train young people; | Yes | | |
| | Targeted Armed Forces engagement | To recruit 10 veterans from the Armed Forces and to develop relationship with key Armed Forces organisations(s) that give access to veterans and Armed Forces personnel that are leaving the military | Developed partnership with British Forces Resettlement Service (BFRS). The NASC sponsors their recruitment fairs, targeted at forces personnel due to leave the service. As a result attended Catterick Recruitment Fair and recruited one veteran, with 38 declarations of interest; Attended the DWP's Armed Forces Recruitment day and offered roles to 4 veterans; made contact with the RFEA who are the official Armed Forces Employment Charity. They are keen to work with the NASC and have requested a formal referral arrangement for their veterans | Yes | | |
| | Careers website development | To share the NASC Scaffolding Careers website with 8 new stakeholders (2 stakeholders a quarter); to ensure the content on Go Construct is reflective of the NASC's website | Shared website with BFRS, Inside Britain, Southampton City College | Yes | | |
| | Engaging returning citizens (ex-offenders) | To offer roles to 20 returning citizens (5 a quarter) Deliver 1 webinar or presentations to each region of NASC employers to educate on the recruitment of returning citizens | Initiated discussions with an excellent mentoring specialist that works within the criminal justice system who are called the Chrysalis Foundation. As a result we arranged an interview with the first Returning Citizen (RC), subsequently made an offer of employment; made contact with additional support agency for mentoring (Inside Britain), who referred another RC for employment; attended employer awareness event at HMP Berwyn to develop referral routes for RCs to NASC employer vacancies; meeting held with HMP Five Wells to develop referral routes | Yes | | |
| Upskilling current workforce | CISRS Funded CPD courses | Delivering funded CPD courses for 200 existing employees (50 a quarter) | 10th May ASITO meeting. Discussed with CISRS the possibility of running subsidised CPD programmes when the revised 2nd phase of CPD begins in July. 6-8th June CPD Phase 2 pilot course ran at Construction college Midlands, attended by NASC and CISRS Directors | Yes | | |
| | Seek additional funding for upskilling programmes | 10 to 20 candidates progressing from part 2 to Advanced Scaffolder | This is not likely to happen until November when NASC reviews Funding Criteria | Yes | | |
| Improve the training provision infrastructure | Increase training capacity | Seek to create an extra centre in Surrey or Farnborough | DM/TB 24th May meet with PHD re Planning permission proposal for CISRS centre at Padd Farm Surrey. No further progress with ██████ CITB or ██████ of Farnham College | No | In regard to the centre in Farnborough we have met with the provider and put them in touch with existing providers who may be interested in partnering them however there has been no progress. In regard to PHD centre we have met with them supplied relevant information regarding the centre facility requirements and assisted in their planning application. At this point further progress is outside of our control | We will keep in touch with PHD and offer any assistance we can. |
| Improve the standards and / or quality of training content | Review of Trailblazer standards | Work with identified employers and stakeholders including CITB and the IFA | 6th April Meet with IFATE RE END POINT Assessment Review. 25th April Trailblazer Funding and EPA Workshop. 28th May Ifate meeting re Funding Review. 17th 17th June Trailblazer Standard Group meeting. 22nd June Funding Band Review meeting | Yes | | |
| Increase the supply / availability of trainers | Identify and train a new generation of trainers | Bid for funding with CITB to support training providers in recruiting and training 20 new trainers Work with Training Providers to secure funding to increase training capacity | 4th May 2022 Teams meeting with ██████ and ██████ of CITB to Discuss the possibility of working with CISRS to Bid for the Scaffolding Commission for funding to train industry recognised instructors | Yes | | |
| Influence and / or broker services | Facilitate collaborative working between training providers to ensure maximise coverage of provision | Canvas NASC members twice yearly for information on courses required | Hosted an Apprenticeship webinar in partnership with CITB. As part of the webinar members were asked about courses that they felt should be more accessible as well as the types of courses that they believe are required | Yes | | |

| Quarter 2 | | | |
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| Alongside an NASC employer, PHD, the NASC were invited to 2 schools in Portsmouth to deliver lessons built around a bespoke Minecraft programme modelling the HMS Victory and the accompanying scaffolding that would be used to renovate it. The lessons gave students an insight into scaffolding, engineering and computer-aided design engineering; | Yes | | |
| | Yes | | |
| The inaugural M2C steering group was hosted followed by a scoping meeting later in the month; Attended the BFRS recruitment fair in Catterick, resulting in 2 successful applications for employment and 53 declarations of interest | Yes | | |
| Website shared with 3 schools in Portsmouth, and Portsmouth LEA after delivering lessons within 3 Portsmouth schools | Yes | | |
| Made contact with Ashes 2 Gold () to develop a mentor network; Signed new contractual agreement with the BFRS to sponsor them for another year and to develop a bespoke construction development programme called Military 2 Construction, specifically targeting imminent veterans that wish to enter construction overall and hopefully, scaffolding specifically; Had further meetings with the Chrysalis Foundation to develop network of mentors and embed mentoring culture in NASC employers; Invited to attend London Build as a speaker, where the NASC discussed breaking down barriers to employment for ex-offenders; Meeting with HMP Wandsworth to discuss the RC scheme and a development of a referral route | Yes | | |
| 10 subsidised CPD courses (delegate paid £50 instead of usual price of £350) across the UK approx 120 delegates CISRS-Phase-2-Subsidised-CPD-Courses.pdf see link in General Narrative | Yes | | |
| This is not likely to happen until November when NASC reviews Funding Criteria | Yes | | |
| No further action | No | When speaking to PHD they are saying that they are still keen to progress | We will keep in touch with PHD and offer any assistance we can. |
| 8th July Trailblazer Standard group meeting. 8th August meeting with IFATE re Funding. 31st August DM to meet () of IFATE to discuss make up of Group. 15th Sept Trailblazer Standard Group meeting. 20th Sept IFATE Teams meeting re standard. | Yes | | |
| 18th August CISRS (who have been working with ASITO) Submit their proposal for the Scaffolding Instructor Commission. The bid has been altered and the number of Instructors has been reduced to 16. CITB are now looking to employ 4 instructors directly rather than through the commission | Yes | the change in the figures means we will no longer attract 20 new instructors however we are still confident that we will create 16. | |
| 8th September ASITO meeting discuss the possibility of Training Providers running subsidised New Entrant Trainees CISRS COTS courses before the end of the year. CISRS to subsidise the training. | Yes | | |

| Quarter 3 | | | |
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| Attended the National Apprenticeship Show (NAS) event in Harrogate, engaging over 2,000 students and capturing 58 declarations of interest from students; Attended the National School & College Leavers Show at Ascot Racecourse, engaging approximately 1,700 students and capturing 48 declarations of interest; Attended Skills London at the Excel Centre and engaged over 1,200 students capturing 37 declarations of interest | Yes | | |
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| Delivered presentation to select audience of veterans at the first live M2C recruitment event, where we were interviewed by ITV, with the interview being shown on ITC Central local news. | Yes | | |
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| Delivered a VR session and presentation within HMP Belmarsh. This is apparently the first time an HMP has permitted the use of VR equipment on their premises and since HMP Belmarsh is the highest security prison in the country this is a significant achievement. The NASC were accompanied by a current RC who works for a NASC member, PHD. After the presentation a newly released RC was interviewed and offered employment by a NASC employer | Yes | | |
| 7 subsidised CPD courses (delegate paid £50 instead of usual price of £350) across the UK approx 84 delegates CISRS-Phase-2-Subsidised-CPD-Courses.pdf see link in General Narrative | Yes | | |
| NASC President announced a range of training subsidies for NASC/ASITO members to go live in 2023. This include £250 for those newly qualifying as an Advanced Scaffolder | | | |
| No further action | No | pressure of work has meant they have had to focus on their core company activities | We will keep in touch with PHD and offer any assistance we can. |
| 13th October IFATE workshop event Birmingham. 11th November Trailblazer catch up with Standard review chair. 13th December EPA meeting. Standard submitted | Yes | | |
| Commission goes live November 2022 we have a requirement to engage 4 instructors in the first quarter (end of Feb 2023). Press releases and advertising has been issued. CISRS training providers have been contacted. 14th October introductory meeting with CITB team overseeing the commission. 8th Nov Catch up meeting via teams with CISRS providers. 5th December Mid Quarter meeting with CITB. See General note CITB-Instructor-Commission-PR-draft-2.pdf | Yes | | |
| 25 CISRS Provider funded COTS courses take place across the UK offering 300 places for new entrant trainees. Subsidised-COTS-Courses-2022.pdf | Yes | | |

NSTG narrative

Provide a general narrative summary of impact achieved in quarter.

You may choose to include detail on the following (this is a guide only; please only choose what is relevant to your TG, and please do add to this if you wish):

- marketing activity or other work done to promote the TG
- support provided to members on their training needs - for instance: online meetings for advice & guidance (121 or group, focused on general topics, training specific topics, or funding), or group or 121 TNAs completed.
- support offered to employers about accessing NVQs, Apprenticeships, SAPs or other qualifications
- new employers active with strategic activities
- any skills related / training trends you have identified
- any other information you feel is relevant
- you do not need to duplicate any detail you are including elsewhere in this report

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| Q2 narrative: | CISRS-Phase-2-Subsidised-CPD-Courses.pdf |
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| Q3 narrative: | CITB-Instructor-Commission-PR-draft-2.pdf |
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| Q4 narrative: | Subsidised-COTS-Courses-2022.pdf |
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