

Annual SACRE Report cover page (Report attached)

Executive summary

1. SACREs have responsibility for advising a Local Authority (LA) on its schools.
2. For Religious Education (RE), SACRE advises community, voluntary controlled and Trust and Foundation schools without a religious designation.
3. For Collective Worship SACRE advises the LA on community, Trust and Foundation schools without a religious designation.
4. SACREs have a duty to publish an annual report. This report has to be sent to the Secretary of State for Education as well as to key partners, including schools, teacher training institutions, libraries and councillors.
5. The main purpose of the annual report is to hold the LA to account, by informing the Secretary of State and key partners what advice SACRE gave the Local Authority during the year and how that was responded to; this includes advice on RE and Collective Worship in those schools for which the LA has responsibility.
6. Wiltshire Council have a Service Level Agreement in place with the Diocese of Bristol who provide a) professional advice and support to SACRE and b) support for improvements in the quality of RE teaching and Collective Worship in Wiltshire schools. The delivery is through a named advisor who in summary provides:
 - A written annual report (attached)
 - Support and advice for all SACRE Meetings
 - Support for Religious Education teaching and learning in Wiltshire Schools
 - Dissemination of National, Regional and Local RE Developments
 - Partnership work with key stakeholders - improving social harmony and combatting prejudice.
7. Wiltshire Council Education and Skills for the calendar year 2021-2022 paid Bristol Diocese £10300 for the delivery of the service. Wiltshire Council have entered into a Service Level Agreement with Bristol Diocese for the calendar year 2022-2023 to the same value of £10300. The Council receives central funding to cover this duty.
8. The Annual report is attached as an appendix to this document.

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