

# **Attributes of an Evidence Lead in Education (ELE)**

## **COMMUNICATING**

#### Motivator

- uses coaching and mentoring skills to encourage others
- facilitates an inclusive, productive environment when working with groups of people

#### Collaborator

- works with other evidence-informed educators across the region

## Influencer

- can see the big picture, convinces others of the need to base practice on evidence
  - understands change management and problem-solving techniques

## **Respects context**

- reaches shared understanding of local challenges, through excellent listening skills
- respects and values local expertise: in terms of context, professional judgement
- understands that the research evidence provides 'best bets' rather than 'certain solutions'

#### **MOBILISING RESEARCH EVIDENCE**

#### Gatekeeper

- is a guardian of the evidence base, challenging misinterpretation of it

## Research literature

- has good understanding of forms of evidence, their relative merits and their applicability
  in school decision making
  - maintains own knowledge of the evidence base in their field of expertise

#### Interpreter

- makes the evidence accessible to practitioners
- synthesises evidence for a variety of audiences e.g. training, presentations

# **Exemplifier**

- able to exemplify what recommendations arising from research evidence look like in practice
- draws on a network of colleagues in order to exemplify beyond own area of expertise

## **IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION**

#### **Implementer**

- has good understanding of the evidence base on Implementation in schools
  - supports others in preparing to implement change

## **Evaluator**

- has good understanding of types of evaluation
- leads evaluation of plans / projects, or support others with this

# **Analyser**

- can analyse various data in order to identify genuine priorities for improvement

# Innovator

- identifies interesting projects, support bid writing
- signposts others to promising approaches highlighted by Research
  - can design original research projects (or willing to learn)

