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In his address to the NAHT Conference, General Secretary David Hart gave advice to NAHT headteacher members about "support staff in a quasi-teaching role".

He said, "it needs to be said and said again".

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General Secretary, Doug McAvoy, said:

"The NUT recognises that it is for headteachers to decide on a curricular basis the deployment of support staff and the support they give to teachers. The NUT will urge all headteachers and governing bodies to ensure that qualified teachers, not unqualified persons, teach whole classes.

Nobody can make a headteacher employ support staff to teach whole classes."