

Report from the Quality Assessment Committee

Issue

1. The board is kept informed of the work of its Quality Assessment Committee (QAC) by receiving a report on the outcomes of each meeting. The attached report summarises the outcomes of the QAC meeting held on 14 September 2021. The board received an oral update at its September meeting.

Recommendations

2. The board is invited to receive the report of the Quality Assessment Committee.

Further information

3. Available from Simon Levine.

Quality Assessment Committee report

September 2021

Quality and standards consultation update

4. The committee received a paper which set out progress with the current consultation on regulating quality and standards.
5. The committee noted that the OfS had been meeting with sector representative bodies on the phase two consultation on quality and standards conditions. Initial feedback about how the requirements were set out in the new conditions had been helpful. Feedback from further meetings has helped to broaden the OfS's understanding of how some aspects of the consultation are being understood and received.
6. The committee noted that work had begun on developing a statement on the UK wide approach to quality and transnational education.
7. The committee received a presentation on the development of proposals for the regulation of student outcomes.

Scope of the Triennial Review of the Designated Quality Body

8. The committee received a paper setting out the proposed scope for undertaking a review and producing a report to the Secretary of State as required by paragraph 9 of schedule 4 of the Higher Education and Research Act (2017) on the performance of the Quality Assurance Agency as the Designated Quality Body
9. The committee noted the triennial review is planned to be completed by February 2022 with the outcomes reported to the board in Spring 2022. It also noted that it may be necessary to extend this timescale if there is evidence from the final quarter of the reporting period which may be important to the outcome of the review.

Monitoring of the Designated Quality Body- Q1 report 21-22

10. The committee noted the QAA's 21-22, Quarter 1 Quarterly report as the DQB.

Future committee meetings

11. The next meeting will take place on 9 December 2021.