

## NCH at Northeastern Limited – Specific ongoing conditions of registration

During the initial registration and assessment process the Office for Students has imposed three specific ongoing conditions of registration.

### 2. Specific ongoing condition of registration imposed in relation to Condition A1 (Access and participation plan)

#### Specific Ongoing Condition A1B (NCH at Northeastern Limited)

##### Evaluation strategy, reporting requirements and action plan

A1B.1 In accordance with the requirements of A1B.2, NCH at Northeastern Limited must produce, within the Relevant Timeframe, as defined below, a robust and detailed evaluation strategy in relation to its access and participation work.

A1B.2 The evaluation strategy under A1B.1 must demonstrate:

- (a) how the provider is developing effective and appropriate evaluation practices
- (b) that the approach to evaluation informs access and participation practices across NCH at Northeastern Limited
- (c) how the outcomes of NCH at Northeastern Limited evaluation(s) will influence practice within the institution and how this practice is shared across the sector
- (d) an interaction between evidence-led practice and investment in access and participation measures
- (e) that, in pursuit of the above, NCH at Northeastern Limited has had due regard to OfS good practice advice including but not limited to Regulatory Advice 6, as revised from time to time.

A1B.3 NCH at Northeastern Limited must share this evaluation strategy in full with the Director for Fair Access and Participation within the Relevant Timeframe.

A1B.4 In accordance with paragraph A1B.5, NCH at Northeastern Limited will produce an action plan (“the Actions”) setting out in detail how it has taken steps to implement the evaluation strategy in practice. For the avoidance of doubt, the required level of detail is significantly more than the contents of the Approved 2019-20 Access and Participation Plan, as particularised below.

A1B.5 The Actions will include:

- (a) a set of clearly defined objectives to measure improvements in the strategy, for example the development of a theory of change or logic model; selecting appropriate evaluation

research methodologies; and the selection and implementation of measures and indicators of success;

- (b) a detailed and clear explanation of each of the steps NCH at Northeastern Limited will take to make improvements, how those steps relate to the objectives included pursuant to A1B.5(a), and the time periods for the realisation of such improvements (including incremental elements);
- (c) arrangements for NCH at Northeastern Limited to monitor progress against the steps included pursuant to A1B.5(b) and maintain an informed understanding of the effectiveness of each step.

A1B.6 NCH at Northeastern Limited will submit a final and complete version of the Actions (which complies with paragraphs A1B.4 and A1B.5 to the Director for Fair Access and Participation within the Relevant Timeframe).

***Definitions for condition A1A, A1B and A1C***

In conditions A1A, A1B and A1C:

“Approved 2019-20 Access and Participation Plan” means the plan submitted by NCH at Northeastern Limited and approved by the Director for Fair Access and Participation, pursuant to section 29(3) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 in respect of the 2019-20 academic year;

“Director for Fair Access and Participation” means the member of the Office for Students referred to in paragraph 2(1(c) of schedule 1 to the Higher Education and Research Act 2017;

“Office for Students” means the body corporate established by section 1(1) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017; and

“Relevant Timeframe” means in advance of 5pm on 30 June 2019 and in sufficient time for the provider to prepare and submit a complete and final version of a report to the Office for Students in accordance with paragraph A1B.3 and A1C.3.