

Report from the Quality Assessment Committee

Board's primary role in relation to this paper:

- A. Set strategy
- B. Set risk appetite
- C. Oversee performance
- D. Understand context

Purpose

1. The board is informed of the work of its Quality Assessment Committee (QAC) by receiving a report on the outcomes from each meeting. This report summarises the QAC meeting held on 23 March 2026.

Recommendations

2. The board is invited to receive the report of the committee.

Discussion

3. The QAC received a summary of discussions held at the February 2026 board planning event, focusing on the integrated approach to quality and the reform of degree-awarding powers (DAPs) and made comments.
4. The committee considered a quarterly data report on the progress of quality and standards assessments across different assessment types, which supported its understanding of this area of the OfS's work. In addition, the QAC received a paper setting out forthcoming DAPs cases.

Degree awarding powers applications

5. The committee agreed the advice to the OfS for one case.

Paper publication

6. To be published externally along with the board papers (subject to appropriate redactions).