

## **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE: EXTERNAL EXAMINER REPORT 2012-2013 - BSc(Hons) in Radiotherapy & Oncology**

Dear Mrs White,

I am writing further to your External Examiner's report for the above programme(s). Your Report has been considered by the School of Healthcare Studies in accordance with our approved procedures. I am, therefore, now in a position to respond on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor to the main points you had raised.

### Issues Highlighted

Your Report raised issue(s) which have been referred for consideration by the School.

1. **[3] your comments on the "introduction of electronic submission and marking" and suggested consideration of "how second marking is approached as a result of this change."**

The following response has been provided on behalf of the School.

*"The programme team is pleased to receive your external examiner report for 2012/13. We are pleased that you find that our programme is of a good standard and that the clinical assessment process is rigorous and appropriate and that the standard of feedback is clear and objective. Thank you for the support that you have given us during this year of your external examinership with us.*

*The programme team has discussed this matter and agree that the student has received additional feedback in this current academic year. All students receive a feedback sheet that is jointly agreed by both markers (as appropriate). Students also now receive an annotated copy of their assignment. The provision of this additional feedback will be reviewed by the programme team and the School of Healthcare Sciences in order to ensure equality in the quality and quantity of feedback received by students in order to support their learning."*

### Positive Comments

The School and University are pleased to note your positive comments on the School's provision including:

- a. **[1, 2 and 3] your positive indications regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process;**
- b. **[6] your confirmation of the "rigorous nature of the clinical assessment process" and commendation of feedback provided to students.**

I hope that you will find this response satisfactory and thank you for your service as External Examiner.

In order to meet the expectations of the QAA Quality Code, both the External Examiner Annual Report and this Institutional Response will be published on Registry web pages and will be available publically.

The University's provision of the formal Institutional Response is not intended to constrain direct communication between schools and their External Examiners. Schools are encouraged to discuss with their External Examiners any matters of detail raised in their Reports and, more widely, any issues impacting on the quality and standards of awards, including possible changes to programmes.

We are most grateful for your comments and for your support in this matter.

Mrs Jill Bedford  
Director of Registry and Academic Services