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Sent by email to Dr Brian Nattress

13 February 2019

Dear Dr Nattress,

Re: Institutional Response: External Examiner Annual Report 2017/18

I am writing further to the receipt of your report for Master of Clinical Dentistry (Prosthodontics).

Your report has been considered by the School and is the basis of this Institutional Response on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor. The School will also use its contents to help inform their [Annual Review and Enhancement](#) process and where appropriate, [Periodic Review](#).

Issues highlighted in your report:

1. Year on Year Comments: The comment made by the previous external examiner in regard to the timings of the presentation cases still holds true. It would be helpful if the candidates were required to restrict the number of slides they are allowed to present to ensure that adequate time is available in the viva to allow the detailed questioning required.

Response provided by the School:

1. Thank you for your comments regarding the Case Presentations in module DET026: Advanced Removable Prosthodontics. The team have considered your comments and agree that it would be helpful if candidates were required to restrict the number of slides they are able to present.

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The guidance has been updated with this in mind, and students are now advised to only use 10-20 slides to outline the case in 7.5 minutes. This will ensure that adequate time is available in the viva to allow the detailed questioning required.

The University is pleased to note your positive comments including:

1. Your positive indications regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process;
2. The range of teaching methods used;
3. The students performed to a high standard;
4. Briefing provided by the course leader;
5. Candidates' ability to assimilate knowledge gained and apply this in a clinical environment.

We hope that you will find this response satisfactory and thank you for your continued support of the programme.

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 the University's [Public Information website](#) and will be available to all students and staff.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr Simon Wright
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