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Sent by email to Dr Robert Philpott

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Dear Dr Philpott,

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

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

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. **The Assessment Process:** For the students' prepared cases, one suggestion may be to arrange eventually for submission and assessment of the cases in advance of the viva voce examination. This would reduce the assessment time by twenty minutes and would focus on students' defence of the cases. This would again mirror the RCSEd structure and may be worth considering for future years.

Response provided by the School:

1. Thank you for your suggestion regarding the assessment process for the viva voce examination. You will recall our discussion regarding this matter following the examination board. The Programme Team implemented

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your suggestion and amended the assessment, which came into effect in September 2018. The case presentation is now submitted and assessed ahead of the viva voce examination, therefore examination time per candidate has been reduced from 50 to 30 minutes.

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 questioning by the examiners was both organised and fair and tested the students at an appropriate level, with multiple domains assessed. The marking matrix was provided for each section of the examination and was clear and transparent.

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,



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