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Sent by email to Dr Claire Bates

16 November 2018

Dear Dr Bates,

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

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's report for the MScD in Orthodontics.

Your report does not appear to raise any specific issues that require a more detailed response therefore the School has not been asked to provide a formal response.

Your report will be considered by the School and will also be used to help inform their [Annual Review and Enhancement](#) process and where appropriate, [Periodic Review](#).

The University is pleased to note your positive comments, including:

1. your positive comments regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process;
2. A well organised and delivered programme with reliable outcomes. Several methods of appropriate teaching and assessment used.
3. A rigorous assessment process involving several assessors and methods of assessment. Standards were at a comparable level between modules.
4. Dissertations of a consistently high standard, fair internal marking.

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5. Students learning needs well catered for with a variety of teachers, teaching methods and experiences. Innovative questions used to assess critical appraisal in the written examination.
6. The programme has delivered consistently good standards. The research projects are of excellent design and quality. Many thanks are extended for the hospitality and the opportunity to serve as external examiner at Cardiff.

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

As this is your final year as External Examiner, we would like to thank you for your service and we are most grateful for your valuable input into this process.

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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