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Dear Dr Holt,

**Re: Institutional Response: External Examiner Report 2014 – 2015**

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's Report for the MSc in Post-Qualifying Social Work and 30-Credit Enabling Practice Module.

In accordance with our standard practice, a copy of the Report is being forwarded to the School concerned, who will use its contents to help inform its Annual Review and Enhancement process. The University is pleased to note your positive comments, including:

- 1. Your positive indications regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process;**
- 2. Your positive comments regarding the Enabling Practice Module, in particular the portfolios where the students are engaged in rigorous reflective debate and assessment;**
- 3. The strong emphasis on the promotion of good social work practice, particularly at a time when the public image of social work is less than positive.**

Your Report does not appear to raise any specific issues that require a more detailed response. Accordingly, the School has not been asked to respond formally to the Report.

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I hope that you will find this response satisfactory and we 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 website 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.

Yours sincerely,



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