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**09 June 2016**

Dear Professor Dean Franklin,

**Re: Institutional Response: External Examiner Annual Report 2015– 2016**

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's Report for the MSc in Clinical Pharmacy.

Your Report has been considered by the School 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.

**Issue Highlighted**

1. Your suggestion that the search strategy used for the preceding literature review be included within the dissertation or as an appendix.

**The following response has been provided on behalf of the School:**

1. The programme team believes that this would be a useful addition and will include this for the MSc dissertation in the next academic year. At present the search strategy is part of the project's protocol, allowing the academics to review the strategy before undertaking the full project but the team also believes that it would be useful to review the final strategy used in the thesis.

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**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 particular commendation to the approach adopted for planning, conducting and presenting Master's dissertations and of the standards of students' written and oral dissertation presentations.

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 to all students and staff.

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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