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Sent by email to gill.jones@plymouth.ac.uk

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Dear Mrs Jones,

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

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's Report for the PG Diploma in Dental Studies.

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(s) Highlighted:

1. your encouragement for the use of more varied forms of assessment to achieve a more inclusive" approach.

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

1. This programme has been discontinued by the University and there are only two students remaining on the programme. Both students are due to complete the final Elective Project module this year and will not be undertaking any other module assignments. As the programme has been discontinued, we will not be considering using any other type of assessment.

The University continues to encourage programme teams to use a variety of assessment methods as appropriate to the discipline and to the learning styles of different students.

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 commendation of the commitment of staff to a "very well managed and delivered course".

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

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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,



Mr Simon Wright
Academic Registrar