

Chief Executive Vivienne Stern MBE Universities UK Woburn House 20 Tavistock Square London WC1H 9HQ Telephone +44 (0)20 7419 4111

Twitter **@universitiesuk** Email info@universitiesuk.ac.uk

Website www.universitiesuk.ac.uk UUK will strongly encourage all of its members to participate in this review, and will work with other sector bodies to extend the reach beyond our membership. We anticipate that QAA will conduct review activity with up to 40 providers across the UK, with a representative sample to be selected by QAA. As this review will be conducted as a desk-based review, there will be no on-site visits. Providers will

expectations. We are grateful that you have indicated that you will hold online briefing sessions for providers at the outset of the process.

We are grateful that, recognising the importance of this work to the HE sector, QAA will meet some of the costs of this work, alongside a contribution from UUK and others in the sector. UUK will engage separately with you over the detail of the funding arrangements.

For transparency, it is essential that recognised reference points are used in the review. To that end, we have agreed that you will consider, as appropriate, the relevant level 3 expectations in each country (for example the Level 3 descriptor of the Regulated Qualifications Framework in England), the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ), the UK Quality Code (2018 version), and the Characteristics Statement for International Pathway Courses.

maintained throughout the review, and that the review outcomes are robust. To this end, we would like you to provide updates only on operational progress during the review to the Quality Council for UK Higher Education (formerly known as the UK Standing Committee for Quality Assessment) as well as to UUK. We consider this most appropriate as it includes other sector representative bodies, but also the funders and regulators of higher education in each nation. The emerging findings of the review will not be disclosed during these updates to avoid any actual or perceived risk that the findings could be in any way influenced.

QAA shall be responsible for the contents and findings of the report. The report will be an anonymised, thematic report that allows the sector to understand the findings and learn and improve practice if required. We have agreed that you will provide a cop forward to working with you on this review.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive

This letter was updated on March 1 to reflect up to date detail on the recruitment approach. This detail can be found in the <u>addendum</u> to the scoping document published on QAA's website.