

E PROGRAMME PROGRESSION BOARD (NON-DEGREE PROVISION)

Progression Boards (non-Degree provision)

There is now broad support for the necessity of moving to a common approach to progression board (PB) implementation. This important academic structure is particularly valuable in supporting how the university addresses in a consistent manner its management responsibilities for SQA operations. The university is a single SQA centre and consistency of approach across its SQA centre is a critical element in terms of addressing its quality assurance responsibilities.

Identification and roll-out of best practice in PB implementation has been based to date on highlighting effective processes at academic partners and on dissemination of the growing information relating to recent network PB practice. Information on the latter is a developing resource and this is a result of increasing the areas of networked PB implementation since 2012/13. Networked curriculum is a key focus for the university's new style PBs and this has accelerated the development of a common set of board purposes and procedures, a standard frequency of board meetings and has also established the importance of advanced planning for the board meetings to be held in February and June.

This approach recognises the scale of the changes involved for some academic partners and aims for a phased implementation of standardised progression boards. This is designed to support university policy and resource development and to provide opportunities to identify and disseminate best practice prior to securing full roll-out across the partnership.

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The university will work within the HN Operations Committee structure to identify and plan the roll-out of increasing areas of networked PBs. This work will benefit all PBs, including those programmes located in a single academic partners. A key factor in the implementation timeline is that leadership capacity needs to be in place and the development of this is particularly important in networked programmes. SQA programme leaders are therefore being recruited to provide a focus for this leadership in networked programmes. This recruitment is following an agreed and transparent procedure established by the HN Operations Committee.