

Quality Enhancement & Standards Review Quality Assurance Agency Scotland

Follow-up action plan

The University was reviewed by the Quality Assurance Agency Scotland (QAAS), utilising its Quality Enhancement & Standards Review (QESR) method, in May 2023.

In July 2023, the QAA published the full QESR Report on its website.

Alongside three commendations, the QESR Report contains two recommendations for action.

Strathclyde's follow-up action plan, has been approved by the Education Strategy Committee (5th October 2023) and reported to Senate (15th November 2023).

This plan will be updated and reported on until all actions are complete, via the Education Strategy Committee.

Enquiries on this action plan should be directed to: <u>educationenhancement-</u><u>quality@strath.ac.uk</u>

Recommendation	Planned Activity	Lead/Committee(s) ¹	Schedule	Update ²	Status ³
Create forward timetable of thematic reviews	Utilise list of potential themes identified via workshops and discussions at ESC, and other institutional led review activity, over the last few years to create a 4-year timetable with a review taking place every two academic years, ensuring adherence to recently updated <u>SFC</u> <u>Guidance</u> . The timetable will outline the student-facing professional services reviewed within each theme.	Head of Quality Enhancement & Assurance ESC	Approval at ESC in May 2024, following discussion and consultation	Reflection on existing Thematic Review procedure currently underway, which will inform scoping for future themes.	In progress
Ensure new Guidance for Postgraduate Research Students Who Support Teaching and Teaching-related Activities is consistently and fully implemented across the University	Implement communications strategy to ensure that the Guidance is flagged to students and staff, via standardised presentation materials for inductions, articles in newsletters and via social media. Work with Vice Deans Academic, Associate Deans PGR and Heads of Department to ensure that faculty and department handbooks for PGR students include reference to this Guidance and its core contents. Work with the Doctoral Research Group (DRG) and StrathUnion, to identify student-led mechanisms for	Deputy Associate Principal (Online Learning) Vice Deans Academic / Heads of Department Associate Deans PGR / Strathclyde Doctoral School ESC	Academic Year 2023/2024	Heads of Department advised of requirements via presentation to Senate (6 th September). Assurance via Faculty updates to Quality Assurance Committee. Annual statement of assurance process to be incorporated into Quality Assurance Committee schedule of business for 2024/25.	In progress

 ¹ Education Strategy Committee (ESC) will have oversight and approval of all actions in relation to these recommendations.
 ² Last updated: 30th November 2023
 ³ In progress / Complete

highlighting the Guidance to PGR students.		
 Develop reporting process for Faculties to confirm the following: Training is undertaken prior to engagement of PGR students in teaching support and/or assessment activity; and Mechanisms are in place to provide PGR students with feedback on their support for teaching or assessment activities. 		