



Minutes

Emergency Board Meeting

Time and venue

15.30pm by Microsoft Teams

Date

Thursday, 13 August 2020

Attendees

Board

Susan Barratt

Ian Bauckham

Delroy Beverley

Sally Collier

Chief Regulator

Mike Cresswell

Lesley Davies

Hywel Jones

Catherine McClellan

Roger Taylor

Chair

Mike Thompson

Matt Tee

Frances Wadsworth

Ofqual

Phil Beach

Executive Director, Vocational and Technical Qualifications

Niamh Field

Board Secretary

Daniel Gutteridge

Director of Legal

Michael Hanton

Director of Strategy and Markets

Matthew Humphrey

Director of Legal Moderation and Enforcement

Kate Keating

Director of Communications

Michelle Meadows

Executive Director, Strategy, Risk and Research

Sean Pearce

Chief Operating Officer

Julie Swan

Executive Director for General Qualifications

Anona White

Private Secretary to the Chief Regulator

85/20 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Christine Ryan.

86/20 Declarations of interest

Ian Bauckham, Hywel Jones and Lesley Davies declared that their schools/colleges could potentially use the proposed appeal system.

87/20 Ofqual Response to Direction from Secretary of State for Education dated 13 August 2020

The Chief Regulator provided an overview on feedback received throughout the day. Ofqual would be meeting with the Exam Boards and the Minister of State for Education and Standards that afternoon.

The Director of Legal Moderation and Enforcement presented the response to the Secretary of State for Education's (SoS) DRAFT Direction Letter dated 13 August 2020.

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It was agreed that a further paper would be presented when the Direction was received incorporating the Board's consideration of this draft proposal – it was anticipated the revised paper and direction would be issued to Board members by electronic business. **ACTION: MH, MHu, JS**

The Board was informed that the EHRC was interested in Ofqual's approach to appeals and had asked to meet with the Executive week commencing 17 August 2020.

The final Direction was received at 17.30pm

The Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications reported that VTQ results had broadly proceeded well and were in line with expectations. The VTQ appeal process had been delegated to AOs and the use of CAGs was different given the structure and nature of VTQs.

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The Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications updated the Board on issues related to the International Baccalaureate Organisation's award of its qualifications, including an investigation raised by the Norwegian data protection authority and reports of potential changes to their approach in light of

the changed policy position in Scotland. Ofqual would need to consider the regulatory implications of this.

88/20 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 18.00pm.