



University of Wolverhampton Collaborative Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the **fifth** Collaborative Newsletter. We hope these newsletters will prove to be helpful and informative to all of our collaborative partners wherever you are in the world.

In this edition, we have included some **updates** from the last meeting of the Collaborative Quality Forum (CQF) along with some of the developments in quality and collaboration which have taken place over the last few months.

Our aim is to publish a newsletter every quarter with a view to keeping all of our partners informed of recent developments, both at the University and across the sector, and to advise you of future plans.

Updates from CQF

The last meeting of the **CQF** took place on 25th May 2018. We received a presentation on GDPR, discussed the UNISTATS return and there was an update on HE/FE partnership from Helen Kettley from Bournemouth and Poole College.

The Interim Academic Registrar, Richard Middleton, gave members an update on the newly formed [Office for Students \(OfS\)](#). Mr Middleton noted that the primary aim of the OfS will be to ensure all students, regardless of their background, obtain a positive outcome from their Higher Education experience.

CQF received a presentation from the University Data Protection Officer around the new **GDPR** which came into force on 25th May 2018. The Presentation outlined the 6 key principles for compliance to GDPR. Members were advised that any further questions not covered during the meeting could be emailed to gdpr@wlv.ac.uk. More information can be found on the University's [Data Protection](#) web pages.

QCU have undertaken work to include GDPR statements within all **newly issued contracts**; For all existing contracts this will be addressed through a **variation to the current contract**. The Chair advised that if Partners wished to include a data sharing agreement this could be developed upon individual request.

The Directorate of Recruitment and Partnerships confirmed that the new **Head of UK Partnerships** would be joining the University on 1st June.



The Quality and Collaboration Unit (QCU) updated members on the new validation and modifications deadlines which are now in place. These are published on the QCU web pages.

The **course guide task** would open on 1st June for updates with a deadline for completion of 30th June 2018. In future, it may be possible to align the Module and Course guide update task deadlines.

There is a new [UK Quality Code for HE](#). Following a consultation exercise from across the HE sector the supplementary sections of the Code are scheduled for publication by November 2018.

Directorate of Academic Services reported that a new **digital library platform** would replace the current system to improve learning resources for students during the summer.

A new **reading list management system** would be introduced from 1st August 2018; further information on the catalogue will be issued prior to the launch.

Students will no longer be fined for failing to return books by the given deadline; instead books would be **automatically renewed** unless they have been reserved.

At the end of the meeting, members were offered the opportunity to **comment on the operation of CQF** over the year. This feedback will confirm the future operation of CQF.

If you aren't able to attend CQF meetings, your feedback on how we communicate with partners around University matters would be most welcome by emailing us on collaborative@wlv.ac.uk.

And finally ...

The following dates are proposed for the **18-19 meetings of CQF**, but these will be confirmed with members nearer the time.

- **07/12/18**
- **08/02/19**
- **07/06/19**