

DATE OF MEETING: 14 th July 2015	PAPER LEAD: Author – Deputy Registrar (& AHCS Head of Quality Assurance)	AGENDA ITEM: 8.
TITLE: The Academy’s Quality Assurance Framework and Quality Monitoring arrangements		
<p>PURPOSE</p> <p>The Academy’s Quality Assurance Framework was established in August 2014 following consultation with the National School of Healthcare Science and Health Education England. The principles that informed it were outlined at the April 2015 induction session for the new Regulation Council.</p> <p>To be effective, implementation of the Framework needs to be carefully monitored. Therefore the Academy samples contract review meetings, accreditation visits and clinical examinations (the STP OSFAs).</p> <p>The Academy also holds quarterly meetings with the National School of Healthcare Science as ‘quality manager’ and accreditor of HEI programmes, and Health Education West Midlands as lead healthcare science LETB and commissioner of STP and HSST programmes.</p> <p>It should further be noted that in relation to quality assurance of accreditation, the Academy also participates in accreditation reference group meetings. The Academy’s role at these meetings is to ensure that quality management processes have been correctly carried out and that the evidence provided by universities and placement providers is satisfactory.</p> <p>Examples of the reports that the Academy produces can be found at: http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/AHCS_CoE_Annual_QR-2013-14_v1.3_230115.pdf and http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/AHCS_CoA_Annual_QR-2013-14_v1.4_230115.pdf</p>		
<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>The Academy’s Quality Assurance Framework is attached, as are the Terms of Reference for the Academy’s Quality Monitoring Group. To note: it is anticipated that a PPI tele-conference on 10th July 2015 will identify a suitable PPI representative to join the membership of this group, to provide effective lay input to agenda setting, meeting discussions and any follow-up actions that may be required.</p>		
<p>TO AGREE:</p> <p>A mechanism for Regulation Council input to the August 2015 review of the quality assurance framework.</p>		