

FEEDBACK SHEET TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE MEETING

Name of Council Member	Diane Waller
Title of Conference/Meeting	QAA Seminar
Date of Conference	13th December 2005
Approximate number of people at the conference/meeting	Approx 40
Issues of Relevance to HPC The aim of these workshops which have been carried out in 3 different locations in the UK (total of 6) is to get feedback from key users of the QAA processes. It was also a chance to discuss with the officers from QAA how they saw their work developing. This was not specifically about health and social care, and there was a broad range of disciplines represented, from accountancy, art and design, engineering and just one or two representatives from health. Each workshops addressed questions posed by the QAA and came up with key points to feed back. There were many academics in the group mainly from the newer universities and further education, and it turned out that some institutions were giving a slightly distorted view of the QAA's role and being quite rigid about how, eg programme specifications should be written. The issue of Europe and the Bologna agreement came up, and there was a lot of concern about the impact on UK arrangements. The day was coordinated by Mike Laugharne, so he was familiar with HPC and our particular interests. It was useful to meet colleagues from such a range of disciplines and to see how they understand these QAA processes.	
Key Decisions Taken The seminars were to review and receive feedback, so no decisions taken. A report will be written up and distributed to attenders. QAA will take careful note of the key points raised.	

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