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**CARDIFF METROPOLITAN
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1. In its advice and guidance on 'Partnerships' accompanying the Quality Code, the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) defines partnerships as 'an arrangement between two or more organisations to deliver aspects of teaching, learning, assessment and student support. It refers to collaborative arrangements involving students and/or awards which include those involving guaranteed progression and sharing of services.'

Within this broad scope the University defines its collaborative provision activity as falling within one of the following models:

franchised programme - a programme initially developed and validated for delivery at the University and subsequently delivered at a partner institution. Franchised programmes may be allowed limited, approved modifications deemed by the University to reflect the local context of the collaborating institution;

validated programme - a programme developed by the collaborating institution and approved by the University to be delivered in that institution;

In both of the above, delivery of the programme is normally by staff of the collaborating institution, though there may be some delivery by University staff in certain cases.

outreach franchise/flying faculty - a programme developed and validated at the University delivered at an institution other than the University by staff of the University or a combination of Cardiff Metropolitan University and partner staff.

2. The University will enter into and will actively seek Collaborative Provision arrangements where it can ascertain that:
 - there will be benefits to the students and community in which the collaboration is proposed;
 - there will be benefits to the University;
 - the quality and standards of the provision can be assured at an appropriate level;
 - there are no adverse legal, moral or ethical ramifications to the partnership.

3. Outside Wales the above may be taken to mean that:

- The University will in some way benefit financially (by, for example,

fees acquired as a result of student progression to Cardiff Metropolitan University, the possibility of European or other grant acquisition) and/or reputation enhancement;

- that the partner institution is appropriately placed, assuming proper counselling and guidance from the University as necessary, to deliver the programme(s) to the University's requirements; this will normally mean that the University will not enter into such provision where, for example, the language of delivery;
 - there are no impediments with regards to the national or regional authorities concerned, or with any UK bodies relevant to such provision, which may prove disreputable to the University.
4. Within Wales, paragraph 2 may be interpreted to mean that:
- Cardiff Metropolitan University will enter into collaborative relationship with partners to encourage access to HE: -
 - nationally, in discipline areas where it has particular strengths and/or uniqueness and does not normally, therefore, duplicate the work of other HE providers;
 - locally in any discipline areas which it currently encompasses within its portfolio capability;
 - students from partner institutions will have, and may take, opportunities to progress their education further at the University, (or elsewhere) and/or the reputation of Cardiff Metropolitan University within Wales will be enhanced;
 - such provision complies with the policies of the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales or other regional or national governing body.