

## School of Health And Community Studies

### Undergraduate

- SWKBA Social Work (UG)

Please indicate, below, whether you agree with the statements about the threshold standards of Leeds Beckett University's awards, student achievement and the conduct of the University's assessment processes, using as a reference the framework for higher education qualifications and applicable Subject Benchmark Statements / Qualification Characteristic Statements. Please also list any shortcomings and areas for commendation. You should expand on any issues you mention here in the main report. If any boxes are ticked "No" the Dean of School or nominee will be alerted and will oversee the response from the Course Director.

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#### Standards Set

	Yes	No
"In my view, the threshold academic standards set for the modules/awards meet with the requirements of the relevant National Qualifications Statement's."	X	

If your answer is 'no', please provide a brief statement (bullet points) of the respect(s) in which they fall short:

#### Student achievement

	Yes	No	N/A*
"In my view, students' who have been awarded qualifications have had the opportunity to achieve standards beyond the threshold level that are reasonably comparable with those achieved in course(s) or subjects in other UK institutions with which I am familiar." *Not applicable – if you are a practitioner and are not in a position to assess this statement, please note here:	X		

Please provide any further comment on the comparability of collaborative provision

If your answer is 'no', please provide a brief statement (bullet points) of the respect(s) in which they fall short:

#### Conduct of process

Yes No

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"In my view, the processes for assessment, examination and the determination of awards are reliable, rigorous and fairly conducted."

**X**

If your answer is 'no', please provide a brief statement (bullet points) of the respect(s) in which they fall short.

## Actions from last year's report

(This will not be relevant if you are examining for the first time)

No

## Areas of good practice/commendation

Any particular strengths or distinctive or innovative features in relation to learning, teaching and assessment:

The quality of feedback on assignments is excellent. It is detailed and focused on learning outcomes.

## Main report

In this section you are asked to describe more fully how the University has or has not maintained threshold academic standards and the quality of the student experience in relation to the course(s) for which you are the external examiner, using as a reference the framework for higher education qualifications and applicable Subject Benchmark Statements / Qualification Characteristic Statements.

**Please complete all sections of the form fully and where not applicable please state N/A. Where applicable please also complete the sections for any collaborative provision sampled.**

If you are an external examiner for any of the University's Pearson Licensed Centre Programmes (HND/HNC level) provision, please also complete the section on page 9 sections l, m and n entitled "for External Examiners Associated with Pearson Licensed Centre Programmes."

## Professional Body Requirements

"In my view, the professional body requirements for this course have been met.

\*Not applicable if the course is not a professional body course please indicate here.

**Yes**

**No**

**N/A\***

**X**

If your answer is 'no', please provide a brief statement (bullet points) of the respect(s) in which they fall short.

(a) The operation and conduct of the Progression and Award Board (and/or Module Board meeting you may also have attended).

This was well organised with the appropriate information available for decision-making

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(b) The action, if any was required, taken in response to your report of last year. (This will not be relevant if you are examining for the first time.)

None was required

(c) The overall performance of the students, in relation to that of comparable levels of work in other institutions.

The level of performance is comparable to levels of work in other institutions

(d) The strengths and weaknesses of the students in general with respect to knowledge, conceptual grasp or application of skills.

The vast majority of students are able to demonstrate understanding of the relevant concepts, theories and skills and through their practice placements are able to show the use of these concepts theories and skills in practice. Some at the bottom end of the scale struggle with the original concepts and ideas which then impedes their application in practice. Most of these students also struggle with the use of English. Overall the tail end of the ability range is small and comparable with other institutions.

(e) The standards of the structure, organisation, design and marking of all examination papers and/or other forms of assessment.

The assessment process including examination a papers and other assignments is well organised and the assessment tasks stretch students appropriately.

(f) The curriculum, teaching or resourcing of the programme of study as indicated by the performance of the students in the assessment

The curriculum is appropriate for the subject area and the professional body requirements. The teaching, as demonstrated, by the students assessment performance is excellent.

(g) Comments on the use of My Beckett (Virtual Learning Environment) within the course (if applicable).

The VLE is used extensively and from my observations is used well.

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(h) Module content, consistency of modules and module assessment across the course and the achievement of learning outcomes. (You may be asked by your School to provide detailed comments on the modules that you examine.)

Module content and consistency, including assessment tasks is appropriate. The modules I have seen are all well organised.

(i) Areas of student/staff engagement in teaching and learning, scholarship, research or professional practice.

It is abundantly clear that the staff group is progressing its research through study on research degrees with considerable success. Well done to them.

(j) The University welcomes external examiners' comments on its academic regulatory framework. Such comments may not have a direct bearing on standards set and achieved or the conduct of processes and so it may not be appropriate to include them elsewhere in this report or its summary. Please record any concerns or comments you may have here.

From my observations the University's regulatory framework is helpful to by staff and students. It sets the appropriate rules and these, I can see, are used consistently.

(k) Collaborative Provision: please include here any comments you wish to make on elements of collaborative provision for which you have responsibility (in addition to those you may have indicated previously in this report).