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**AN UPDATE FROM
VICE CHANCELLOR,
PROFESSOR PETER SLEE**

Dear

I do hope this finds you well.

We know that across the whole UK university system people from Black and Minority Ethnic groups suffer disadvantage: in recruitment, in achieving success, and in achieving good employment outcomes. This is as true of our university as it is of every other.

We have made a public acknowledgement of the facts, and made public commitments to improving outcomes for our own students. These are set out in our Access and Participation Plan, which is published on our website and on the Office for Students (OfS) website. We are held formally to account by the OfS for our progress against these plans. But more importantly, we own these plans and believe in them as a moral imperative.

I have reported in previous messages that in the two years since we drew up our plans we have made excellent progress against them. Equally, whatever our plans there is always more we can do. In this context I am delighted to share really good news about a fantastic partnership between our university and Northpoint Wellbeing, a local mental health charity. The partnership recognises that the counselling and health professions do not fully represent the population they serve. The profession needs to recruit more people from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds. You can read more [here](#).

This is a really good example of two organisations recognising the mountains we must climb to create a truly fair and just society, and then combining to do something about it. In the context of equality, diversity and inclusion in Britain, it is a small step. But all great journeys are made up of small steps.

Please take good care and stay safe.

Peter

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