ULSTER UNIVERSITY **CPF/20/03**

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FORUM **Agenda Item: 8**

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FEEDBACK FROM THE ANNUAL HE IN FE CONFERENCE

To receive a report on feedback from the annual conference at CAFRE on 11 October 2019.

ACTION:

For information.

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**Report on 16th Annual Conference for HE Staff at Partner Institutions**

The 16th Conference was held on 11th October 2019, at CAFRE’s Greenmount Campus.

The theme of the Conference was “Delivering Quality in the New Era”.

102 registered to attend the Conference, with 89 actual attendees on the day, with representation from all 6 of the Regional Colleges, CAFRE, Ulster University and Dfe.

The Key Note Speaker was Caroline Turnbull, from QAA’s Nations and Europe Team, who also helped to facilitate a workshop session on the new Quality Code. There were presentations from Professor Paul Bartholomew, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Ulster University, Christine Brown, HOD and Mark Rice, Curriculum Hub Manger, BMET and Dr Alisha Jamil, Hub Development Manager at SRC.

Feedback from the Conference was very positive, with 32 respondents completing the survey, all recognising the value of such an event and praising the excellence of the venue. All the presentations were deemed as interesting and useful, but the one chosen, by more respondents, as the most useful was Professor Bartholomew’s presentation on “Making best use of data”, closely followed by Caroline Turnbull’s session and workshop on the QAA Quality Code.

Suggestions re: future sessions/themes included:

* Pedagogic approaches to improving teaching
* Challenges in delivering HLA’s
* Sharing good practice with TEF
* Industry linkages, new areas of development
* Health Checks for programmes using metrics
* WBL – standardising assessments
* Session for FE staff delivering Collaborative provision