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Dear Professor Freeman-Attwood

Access and Participation Plan Monitoring

Thank you for submitting your provider's 2019-20 access and participation plan monitoring return.

2019-20 APP monitoring outcome

The OfS has completed its review of your monitoring return and there are no issues to draw to your attention at this time.

We will write to you during the autumn with the guidance for the 2020-21 monitoring exercise and this is likely to follow a very similar format to this year's return. A sector level 2019-20 access and participation plan monitoring outcomes report will be published later this year.

If in your monitoring return you stated that you wish to request a variation to your approved 2020-21 onwards access and participation plan, or information you provided in the return indicated you may wish to consider a variation, colleagues from our Access Inclusion and Skills team will get in touch with you to confirm the process for this.

Enhanced monitoring requirements for ongoing condition A1

We contacted you on 25 March 2020 to inform you of our decision to suspend your enhanced monitoring requirements relating to condition A1.

We wrote to you again on 26 November 2020 to inform you that if you were required to submit information in January 2021, you should instead include this information in Section 5.2 of the 2019-20 APP monitoring return entitled "Progress against key commitments in the 2020-21 onwards plan".

We have reviewed the information you shared in Section 5.2 of the monitoring return.

We have now decided that this enhanced monitoring will be removed. You are no longer required to:

- submit any information in relation to the enhanced monitoring requirements set out in the Notice under condition F3 of registration of 2 September 2019.
- meet any deadlines relating to the enhanced monitoring as set out in that notice.

It is important to note that condition A1 is an ongoing condition of registration and that the OfS expects all providers to meet its requirements. These include taking all reasonable steps to comply with the provisions of an approved access and participation plan. Therefore, although the reporting requirement is removed, you are still expected to deliver the commitments highlighted in the Notice under condition F3 of registration of 2 September 2019 where these have not already been delivered:

- i) Undertake more defined and advanced analysis of data relating to intersections of disadvantage across the above groups and to formulate aims and objectives specific to these intersections (page 9).
- ii) Implement a revised curriculum on a rolling basis from September 2020 (page 17).
- iii) Building a more robust system of evaluation including delivering the milestones as set out on page 20 -21 of the approved 2020-21 access and participation plan.
- iv) Establish a reiterative process of evidence-based evaluation that will meet the relevant commitments set out on page 21 of the approved 2020-21 access and participation plan.

The decision to remove the enhanced monitoring for Condition A1 should not be relied on in connection with your future compliance for this condition. The OfS reserves the right to reintroduce enhanced monitoring of Condition A1 or apply an alternative intervention if it finds or reasonably suspects that The Royal Academy of Music is not meeting the requirements of this condition in the future. In addition, as part of our ongoing monitoring of providers, we may contact you to discuss this matter further in the future.

Provider impact report

Please find attached along with this letter your provider's impact report, which we have generated from your provider monitoring return. We expect you will publish the information contained in your impact report and our intention has been to reduce the burden by providing a standard report. However, you may choose to present the information in a different format if you wish. You are required to either email the URL of the location where your impact report is published to regulation@officeforstudents.org.uk, or notify us in writing at the same address if you have not published this information, within 15 working days of the date of this email. If provided, this link will be published on the OfS website.

If you have any queries, please contact regulation@officeforstudents.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Catherine Pinder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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