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Hello again,

You may recall that we wrote to you in March to explain the approach that we were taking to support education providers, commissioners and, of course, students and trainees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Feedback we have received so far has shown that flexible approaches to teaching, learning, research and practice allowed providers and their students and trainees to continue progression on their accredited awards.

Now that we are entering the last weeks of the 19/20 academic session, we are starting to consider how we will continue to offer support and guidance for the 20/21 academic session to our education partners and their students and trainees.

During the coming weeks we will be working to identify how we can continue to carry out accreditation activity in a remote capacity. Priority will be given to undergraduate and conversion courses in the first instance, particularly those which had visits planned for the 19/20 academic session. We appreciate that undertaking visits in a remote capacity will be a totally new way of working, but we are confident that we can work together to continue to make this a meaningful and inclusive process. As we establish the resources and technical capacity to allow this work to be undertaken, we will be in touch with those programmes identified as a priority in the first instance, with further updates sent to other programmes as we progress.

Alongside the work that we are undertaking from an operational perspective, we are also seeking to support students during this time. We are considering different ways our membership offer can provide further opportunities to engage with our student members, through establishing a network of student ambassadors. This is work of importance which has been highlighted as part of our recent Member Journey initiative, more information of this can be found here:

<https://www.bps.org.uk/memberjourneyinitiative>

As the situation progresses, we will be keeping you and your course teams informed with any further changes which may be necessary.

If you have any queries, we ask that you contact your designated Partnership and Accreditation Officer in the first instance. Alternatively, please email the Partnership and Accreditation team at pact@bps.org.uk.

With best wishes,

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