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## Quality Assessment Framework for Wales, March 2018

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## Introduction

1. This circular provides a copy of the Quality Assessment Framework for Wales, March 2018.
2. The Framework will continue to be updated as appropriate, taking account of consultation outcomes, so ***it is the responsibility of users to ensure that they are using the most recent version.***

## Background

3. HEFCW first published a consultation on the Quality Assessment Framework for Wales in April 2016 as [circular W16/14HE](#).
4. HEFCW subsequently consulted on each aspect of the Framework in turn.

## Quality Assessment Framework for Wales

5. The Quality Assessment Framework for Wales, March 2018 is provided at **Annex A**.
6. The Framework needs to be flexible to take account of developments in quality at UK level, and in light of the development of a post-compulsory education commission. The Framework will therefore be kept under review, and consultation will be carried out where substantive changes are proposed.

## Further information / responses to

7. For further information, contact Dr Cliona O'Neill (tel 029 2085 9731; email [cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk) ).

## Assessing the impact of our policies

8. We have carried out an impact assessment screening to help safeguard against discrimination and promote equality. We also considered the impact of policies on the Welsh language, and Welsh language provision within the HE sector in Wales and potential impacts towards the goals set out in the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 including our Well-Being Objectives. Contact [equality@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:equality@hefcw.ac.uk) for more information about impact assessments.