

Office for Students Evaluation: Preventing and Addressing Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

Roundtable events for universities and colleges

What is this about?

In April 2021 the Office for Students (OfS) published a [statement of expectations](#) to assist colleges and universities (providers) in the development and implementation of systems, policies and processes to prevent and respond to incidents of harassment and sexual misconduct that affect their students. Providers were invited to review and update their systems, policies and procedures during the 2021/22 academic year.

The OfS has commissioned [SUMS Consulting](#) to **evaluate the initial impact of the statement of expectations** (taking place March-August 2022), including by:

- a) examining how universities and colleges have responded to the publication of the statement of expectations
- b) hearing from students and students' unions to understand whether things are changing for the better
- c) considering whether further change in this area may be needed.

We are looking to understand how and in what ways the statement of expectations has changed provider approaches to harassment and sexual misconduct.

Roundtable discussions

As part of SUMS' research for the evaluation, we are holding **four online roundtable discussions** via Zoom for providers later during June 2022 to discuss different aspects of the statement of expectations.

No	Roundtable event for providers	Date	Time	Register
1	Preventing and addressing harassment and sexual misconduct in FE colleges, small and specialist and newer providers of higher education	21 June 2022	14:00-16:00	To attend, please follow this link to register
2	Preventative approaches – taking a whole organisation approach, governance, engaging students and co-creation, and student training and awareness raising	24 June 2022	11:00-13:00	To attend, please follow this link to register
3	Responding – policies, procedures, systems, processes and support	28 June 2022	14:00-16:00	To attend, please follow this link to register
4	Approaches to preventing and responding to other forms of harassment and incidents of hate on campus	30 June 2022	14:00-16:00	To attend, please follow this link to register

Contact

If you have any queries or would like any information before registering to take part in one or more of these events, please contact: Helen Baird at h.m.baird@reading.ac.uk.