

Update on consultation responses – Paper PRP40(15)

3. The Board received a paper prepared by Atiqur Chowdhury which provided an update on the consultation responses received so far via written submission and also through feedback from the consultation events.
4. The Board **noted** that the key themes emerging so far were as follows:
 - general agreement with the principle of using indicators and examples of evidence as the basis for (a) guidance to applicants and (b) by the PRP in determining applications;
 - a divergence of opinion between those who felt that the PRP should provide more detail in relation to proposed indicators and examples of evidence, and those who felt that there should be much less detail;
 - the need for flexibility in the indicators and examples, and in the way the PRP would communicate with applicants – with a feeling that the pre-application process should be collaborative and help applicants meet the requirements;
 - a view that some elements of the process should be changed to produce greater transparency – for example, requiring publication of the application in full. Others felt there was a need for expediency for assessing applications.
5. The Board considered that much of the narrative in the paper was suitable for discussion in the public part of the Board meeting, although it was acknowledged that the themes were only an interim assessment and were very likely to change in light of final responses received as part of the public consultation. It was **agreed** that the minute of the discussions of the item would be put in the public domain.
6. The Board:
 - **noted** that all responses would be collated and analysed following the consultation closing date of 31 July;
 - **noted** that a short update would be provided to the Board by email on 4 August 2015;
 - **noted** that at its meeting on 25 August 2015, the Board would receive a detailed analysis of consultation responses, a statement of responses, and proposals for how all the issues raised should be dealt with; and
 - **agreed** that the minute of the discussions would be put in the public domain.