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By email

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Dear James,

Thank you for your letter outlining your questions on the ITT reform appeals process. I would like to start by offering my reassurance that the Department is taking this process extremely seriously in line with our published guidance and all appeals will be given the proper consideration.

We know there are many examples of excellent practice in the existing ITT market. We are pleased to see the high quality of provision that has been accredited through the process, but we recognise that those who have not been successful will be disappointed.

The accreditation process was intentionally rigorous. To achieve our aim of giving every trainee in the country access to the highest quality ITT, we needed to know that those providing ITT have properly planned to incorporate the Quality Requirements into their delivery models, courses and curricula. This is a vital aspect of delivering a world-class ITT system that drives up the quality, consistency and coherence of ITT for the benefit of both trainees and pupils across the country. We firmly believe that the accreditation process we designed is the best way of assessing providers' potential to incorporate the Quality Requirements into their ITT programmes whilst remaining manageable for applicants.

Whilst we are confident that Stage 1 of the accreditation process was run rigorously and fully in line with our published guidance, the Department is running an appeals process to offer unsuccessful applicants the opportunity to highlight any errors that may have been made regarding the evaluation process.

The word limit is set at 500 words due to the scope and nature of the appeal process. Applicants should outline to the department where they believe an error has been made and the department will conduct a thorough review of the alleged error. Applicants should outline the error directly and we expect the 500-word limit to be sufficient to do so for multiple questions. The Department will contact applicants if we believe any further information is required.

We also believe that 15 working days is sufficient to submit the appeals as any appeal needs to refer directly to alleged errors that applicant believe have been made and, as such the deadline for submitting appeals will remain 20 October, as

per the published guidance. This will also ensure that appeals can be resolved in a timely manner and all organisations involved in ITT delivery, both accredited and not accredited, can continue to prepare for delivery of our new Quality Requirements from September 2024.

I hope this provides further clarification of the appeals process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JG', written in a cursive style.

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