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Dear Colleague,

The University of East Anglia thanks the agency for its consultation on draft new Master's Degree characteristics reference point.

We welcome the reference point which may be used in addition to existing subject benchmark statements. We also appreciate that this is intended to be a practical help and does not have greater force than this. The only note of caution we would urge is that, by seeking to differentiate amongst different types of Master's degrees (as in the appendices), there will become an hierarchy of the valued and the not quite as valued Master's provision. For example, the ability to study independently as identified as a typical subject specific attribute for graduates of research Master's but not for graduates of specialised/advanced study Master's or professional/practice Master's. This is unfortunate since independent study is a feature of most Master's provision and is indeed an aim of undergraduate provision.

We hope that these points are helpful.

Yours sincerely

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