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- What are the challenges in aligning the OfSTED approach and the HE agenda?
 - ... do we have clear expectations of each other?
- Some key initiatives and success factors:
 - Golden Thread through Governance
 - Management Information
 - Deep Dive Preparation
 - Embedding Personal Development
 - Individualising the Curriculum



Cultural Alignment and Expectations

Adult Learners

Andragogy, See Knowles 1983

- Self-directed, autonomous and internally motivated
- Learn by experience and problemcentred
- Informal situations and equal status

Heutagogy:

self constructed learning in a context of social, economic and technological flux

(e.g. see Hase & Kenyon, 2000)

The OfSTED perspective?

- Q. Are you an active citizen?
- Q. Who is your Safeguarding Officer?
- Q. Where is mutual respect in the curriculum?
- Q. Are you mentally Healthy?
- Q. Do you receive careers advice?
- Q. Do you demonstrate BV in your local community



As OfSTED scope expands, how do you prepare in a large and diverse university?

Leadership & Management

- Operations/Departmental Manager
- Chartered Manager
- Senior Leader
- Supply Chain Leader

Digital & Technology

Digital & Tech Solutions Professional

- Software Engineer
- Business Analyst
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Data Analyst
- IT Consultant
- Network Engineer

Digital & Tech Solutions Specialist

- Software Engineer
- Data Analyst

Creative Digital

- Creative Digital Design
- Digital User Experience Professional

Building & Surveying

- Surveyor (Quantity, Building, Commercial Property/ Valuation)
- Chartered Town Planner
- Construction Site Supervisor
- Construction Site Manager
- Construction QS (& Technician)
- Construction Design Manager
- Architect
- Town Planner

Academic Professional

Post Graduate Academic Award

Engineering

- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Manufacturing
- Materials
- Rail Engineering

Health & Social Care

- Health and Social Care
- Social Worker
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Healthcare Science Practitioner
- Advanced Clinical Practitioner
- Diagnostic Radiography
- Therapeutic Radiographer

Food & Drink Sectors

- Food Technologist
- Food Engineering
- Packaging Professional

Policing

Police Constable DA

Under development (subject to approval)

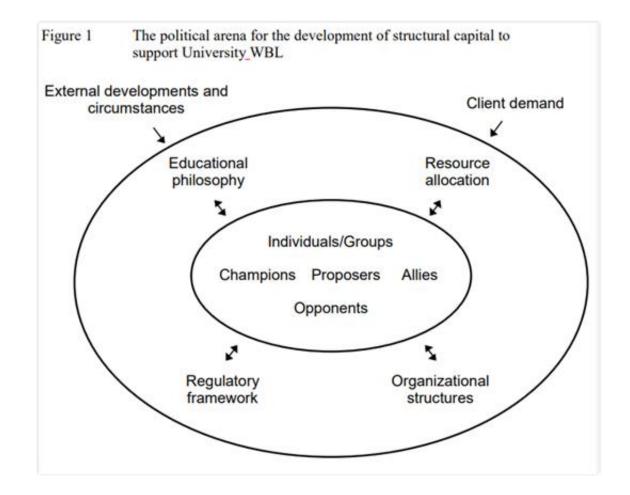
- Paramedic Practice
- Registered Nurse
- Teacher



Developing the structural capital of Higher Education Institutions to support work based learning programmes

"Structural capital is concerned with the organising and structuring capability of an organisation and is expressed in formal policies, regulations, procedures, codes, functional business units, task groups, committees or less formal cultures, networks and practices which influence practices and procedures" (Stewart 1997)

"... activities include partnership working, staff development, resource allocation, curriculum design, facilitation and management of academic accreditation and administrative support systems"





Reflections on the journey Value from the Interim visits during COVID-19?

Intent – Implementation – Impact

Overcoming Challenges:

- Digital Delivery: Innovation -v- Inertia
- Staff Priorities: Initiatives -v- Retrenchment
- On-line Progress Reviews: Transparency -v- Tick-box
- On-Line Safety: Contextualisation -v- Token gesture



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Action Research: Stepping up to on-line delivery

Key Considerations:

- On-Boarding and Building Community
- Maintaining Trust and Confidentiality
- Balancing Flexibility with Compliance

Teaching Models for Blended Delivery of Work-Based Learning:

- Experiential Workshops for KSB Evidence
- Peer to Peer Story Telling
- Simulation for Work-Based Learning



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Governance chain for enhanced Leadership and Management

(Simplified version, excludes specific communities and sub-groups, e.g. Apprenticeship Operations Group, National Centre for Excellence, WBL Coach Team Meetings, etc.)

Academic Assurance Committee (Board of Governors)

Academic Board

University Leadership Team

Teaching & Learning Committee

Accountability in wider SHU governance

Apprenticeship & Work Based Learning Steering group

Apprenticeship Operations Leadership Team

Apprenticeship College
Operations Group (ADOG)

Apprenticeship lines of escalation

Operations Groc

• 3-way APRs

Progression Monitoring

Attendance & 20% OTJT

Monthly Delivery Team Meetings (ACL / WBLC)

Apprenticeship Departmental Operations Group (ADOG)

Monthly delivery/ operational cycle



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The Monthly report – KPIs:

- Institutional QAR
- **EPA Grading**
- Average Degree Classification Destination
- Programme Progression Overall
- Programme Progression by Demographics Programme Progression by Subcontractor Functional Skills

- **EPA Grade Forecast**
- Average Caseload for WBLC
- Module Pass Rate
- Average Module Marks
- Out of Funding
- Review Timescale Compliance
- Attendance
- Apprentices Touch Point Survey Results
 Employer Touch Point Survey Results
 Engagement with DSS, SSAs and EAs
 Engagement with SU offering
 Award Entries

- Award shortlists
- **Applications**
- Offers
- Accepts
- **UF Accepts**
- **Enrolments**



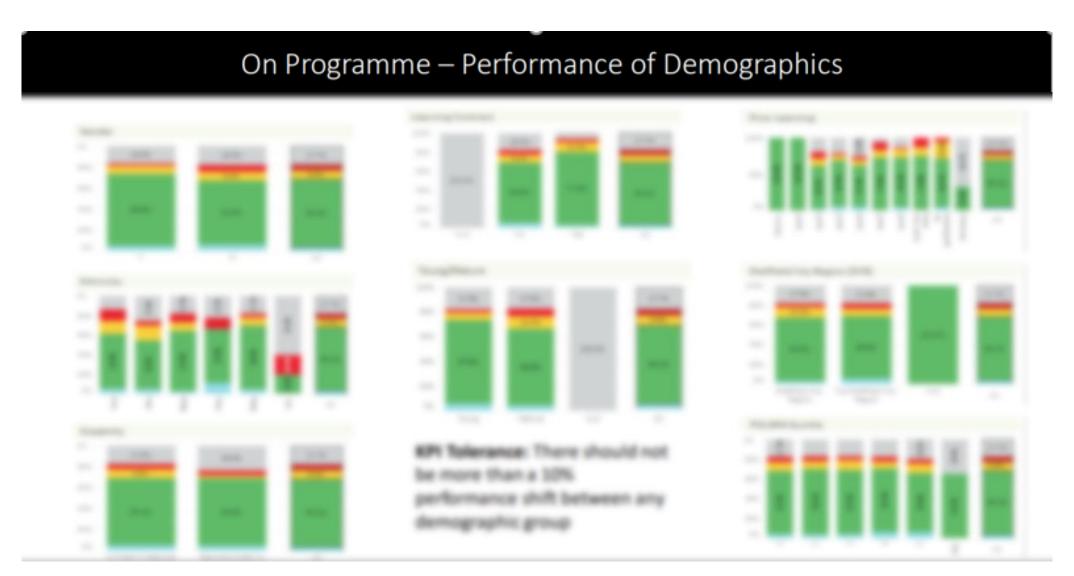
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What is a deep-dive?

- Not a mock Ofsted but...
- Quality review based on EIF
- Identify areas of strength and areas for improvement
- Led by our external consultants (quality improvement partners), Mesma
- Panels are 50/50 split Mesma / SHU



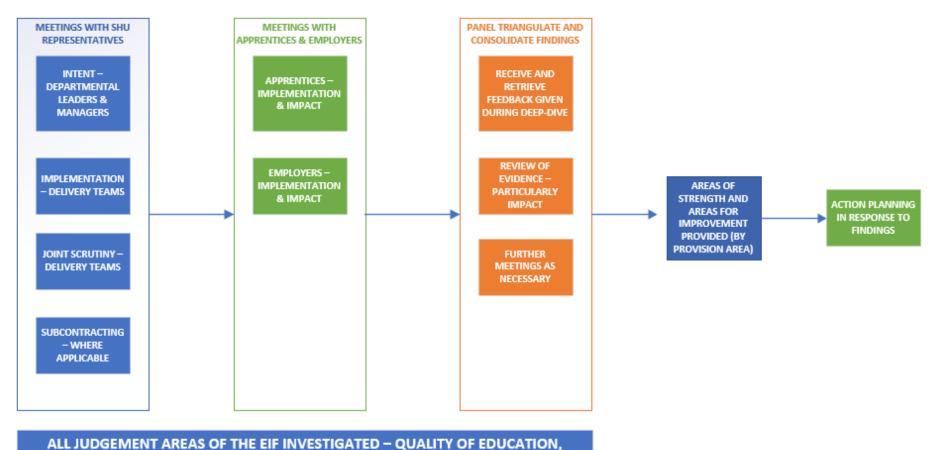
Deep-dive holistic scope

Examples of Human Capital investment

- Work Based Learning Coach, Manager and Deputy Head
- Apprenticeship Course Leader
- Associate Dean Business & Enterprise
- DSO Apprenticeships
- Senior Quality Officer for Apprenticeships
- Board member with accountability for Apprenticeships



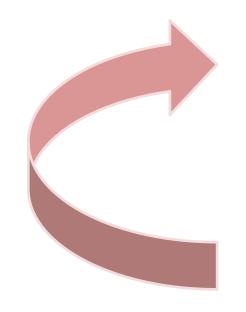
What happens during a deep-dive?



BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES, PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP AND
MANAGEMENT



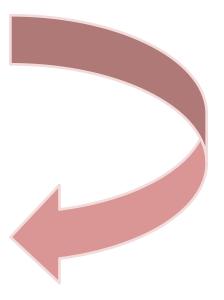
What happens as a result of deep-dive?



Culture drives behaviour

Shared assumptions

Actions change culture





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Embedding Personal Development Education Inspection Framework (EIF) - Extract:

- The curriculum should support learners to develop their knowledge and skills beyond the purely academic, technical or vocational. This judgement evaluates the provider's intent to provide for the personal development of learners, and the quality of the way in which it does this.
- developing responsible, respectful and active citizens who are able to play their part and know how to become involved in public life
- developing and deepening learners' understanding of the fundamental British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law and mutual respect and tolerance
- promoting equality of opportunity so that all learners can thrive together, understanding that difference is a positive, not a negative, and that individual characteristics make people unique
- promoting an inclusive environment that meets the needs of all learners, irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, relationship status or pregnancy
- developing learners' character, which we define as the set of positive personal traits, dispositions and virtues that informs their motivation and guides their conduct so
 that they reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well with others. This gives learners the qualities they need to flourish in our
 society
- developing learners' confidence, resilience and knowledge so that they can keep themselves mentally healthy
- developing learners' understanding of how to keep physically healthy and maintain an active lifestyle
- providing an effective careers programme that offers advice, experience and contact with employers to encourage learners to a spire, make good choices and understand what they need to do in order to reach and succeed in their chosen career
- supporting readiness for the next phase of education, training or employment so that learners can make the transition to the next stage successfully.

Ofsted will look for that integration by asking *your Apprentices*We need to *SEE* this in curriculum

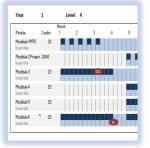
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Scheme to Embed Essentials SEE: 6 themes for structure

- On-Boarding
- Wellbeing and Safeguarding
- Succeeding in your OTJT
- Equality Diversity and Inclusion
- British Values and Prevent
- Careers Guidance

Integrated Implementation... 3 methods:

Curriculum



Essentials contextualised by subject

AIIR (on-line resource)



Developmental tools, linked to job role

APR - Annex documents



- Discussion of curriculum
- Reflection on experience
- KSB Action planning



OfSTED, 2022

Leaders and managers have developed a comprehensive framework for planning the wider curriculum for apprentices. They have developed a 'scheme for embedding essentials', which helps staff to plan where relevant topics such as preparing for life in modern Britain fit naturally into the curriculum.



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Reflective Practice

KSB Achievement

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Individualising the Curriculum Starting Point Review Activity

Overview of steps:

- ✓ Apprentice and Employer complete the Skill Scan
- ✓ WBL Coach introduces the mandatory Starting Point Exercise
- ✓ The Apprentice completes the preparation (Strong, Low, Ambiguous)
- ✓ ACL emphasise during induction
- ✓ PPD Module tutor facilitates peer to peer curriculum session
- ✓ Apprentice completes and sends the grid to WBLCoach for 1st APR
- ✓ Action Plan developed (appended to PPD assessed submission)





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Some conclusions:

- OfSTED are learning to adapt a child-centred compliance framework to a fluid academic community. Those academics may have less vocational knowledge than the collection of "learners in the room".
- HE adaptation is resource intensive, but it can have remarkably positive impact

("... Hey we should do this for all 30,000 learners!")

- Investment in Structural Capital is key, needing top level buy in and actions flowing throughout.
- Date drive escalation through governance aids transparency to drive authentic support interventions
- Compliance is not a project. Focus on the positive practice.
- A collaborative culture across academic, operational and coaching communities is key to realising impact.





"It is anticipated that these issues are likely to have a ripple effect in that, once systems are designed to respond to one group of non-traditional students, principles are generated and transferable to others demonstrating that there is real potential to improve the way an institution functions and responds to the needs of a knowledge-driven economy".