



Policy Statement on Quality and Academic Standards

Paragon Training Academy Limited is committed to the establishment and enhancement of high academic standards within its programmes. The Institution's systems and procedures for quality assurance and enhancement are guided by the conviction that high academic standards are best promoted and achieved by a positive, self-critical and supportive environment in which all the members of the institution accept ownership of those standards and in which responsibility for the assurance of quality is devolved to and exercised by those individuals and bodies best placed to affect them.

In implementing its policy, the Institution will Endeavour to ensure that, however and wherever academic programmes and awards are made in its name or from other awarding bodies, its procedures and practices are informed by the following principles:

- that systems and procedures should be fit for purpose, transparent, efficient, reliable and responsive to changing contexts;
- that academic standards and the quality of its education provision are the responsibility of the entire Institution community;
- that educational provision and supporting systems and procedures should be subject to monitoring and evaluation in a commitment to continuous improvement;
- that, whenever appropriate and practicable, procedures and educational provision should be informed by the views of its students and other stakeholders and by independent peer review;
- that learning and teaching activities and the commitment to quality assurance and enhancement should be supported by relevant and comprehensive provision for educational and staff development;
- that the commitment to high quality provision and standards of service will be supported by transparent and accessible procedures for academic appeals and complaints and their resolution;
- that full recognisance is taken of external quality reference points, such as the Quality Assurance Agency's UK Quality code for higher education and, as appropriate, standards required by Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies;

- that the Institution will discharge their responsibilities for the standards of awards made in the name of the Institution of Paragon Training Academy Limited and its awarding bodies by ensuring that regulatory frameworks, underlying principles, systems and procedures to safeguard and enhance standards and to assure and enhance quality are consistent (if not necessarily identical). The Institution will devolve appropriate levels of responsibility to those institutions with which it has entered into collaborative arrangements and which have demonstrated their capacity to discharge those responsibilities effectively.

Responsibility for interpretation and implementation of the quality strategy is shared between the Faculties and central administrative and service units through the formal committee structure.