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To Director Ledra College

SUBJECT: Preliminary review regarding the programme of study "Bachelor of Science (Hons) Psychology" which is going to be offered by Ledra College, via the franchise method, in collaboration with the University of Sunderland, UK.

Based on the Law [N. 136 (I) / 2015 to 35 (I) 2019], I have instructions to inform you of the findings of the **preliminary review**, carried out by CYQAA, for the programme of study **"Bachelor of Science (Hons) Psychology"** of the institution "University of Sunderland, UK" which will be offered via the franchise method by your institution.

In your letter of reply, you should include, in accordance with the above-mentioned Law, all the information that the Agency has identified as deficient and/or missing in the preliminary review.

It is expected that your response will be structured, and you will reply with specific references to documentation (annexes and pages) in accordance to the Agency's Law.

During the preliminary review we have observed the following:

- Under Part A, in paragraph 4.2 you refer to your collaborative partnerships, and in particular to the *Collaborative Provision Agreement between your institution and the University of Sunderland.* As evidence of the above partnership, you cite **Doc. 4** which you include. You also refer to Annexes (**Annex 1 and Annex 2**) supporting **Doc.4** which you do not include. Please, do submit Annexes 1 and 2 as part of your documentation.
- Under Part A, in paragraph 4.2, in referring to models of collaborative provision, you cite **Doc.5** which you include. You also refer to Annexes (**Annex 3 and Annex 4**) supporting Doc. 5 which you do not include. Please, do submit Annexes 3 and 4 as part of your documentation.

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- 3. Under Part A, in paragraph 4.5 you refer to the higher education qualification issued in the Republic, as conferring the same rights as those applicable in the territory of the member state of origin of the higher education qualification. While you provide a sample of the above mentioned qualification as documentation (**Doc. 10**), you do not cite it in the body of your application. Please, do submit again page 9 of your application, making reference to Doc. 10 in the corresponding paragraph.
- 4. Under Part B, in **paragraph (b)**, you are asked to provide *complete evidence for the academic facilities and services to be offered by the educational institute, as well as those offered by the educational institute whose degree title will be awarded*. While you provide information and the relevant website links directing to the University of Sunderland campuses, you do not do so for your campus. Please, do provide description and website link(s) of your premises.
- 5. Under Part B, in **paragraph (d)** you provide a nominal list of the teaching staff of your institution **(TABLE A).** In your list, all of the teaching staff appear to be at the rank of Lecturer. Also, only one out of five appears to be employed full time. The Agency would like to highlight that recruiting qualified staff is a prerequisite for running successful programmes of study. Please, do provide a plan for staff recruitment at ranks higher to that of a Lecturer, as well as a timeline for meeting this requirement.
- 6. Under Part C, you are asked to complete **Table D**, *indicating the weekly timetable each course will be delivered each semester per academic year*. While you are providing the above information for Years 2 and 3 of your programme, you do not do so for Year 1. Please, do submit again page 19 of your application, showing the above information per semester for Year 1.

I remain at your disposal for any inquiries and/or clarifications.

(Loucia D. Constantinou, PhD)

On Behalf of the President of The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education