

## **Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust: Variation to the University's policy on the re-use of credit**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) primarily delivers postgraduate taught courses and Professional Doctorates. Many of the Trust's students are required to participate in Continuous Professional Development (CPD) as part of their clinical roles and also to meet the requirements of Professional, Statutory Regulatory Bodies (PSRB). The University's current [re-use of credit policy](#) restricts students' ability to engage in CPD activities as the current re-use of credit policy only allows credit to be used towards a higher level award. The current policy effectively prohibits the broadening of clinical skill development in this cohort of students who already hold postgraduate awards (level 7 on the [Framework for Higher Education Qualifications \(FHEQ\)](#)).

### **2. NATURE OF VARIATION**

- 2.1 The variation to the University of Essex re-use of credit policy covers applicants to the Trust only. The variation applies to applicants who have already achieved a postgraduate award from either the University or another awarding institution in order that they can re-use credit towards a new postgraduate award at an equivalent or lower level from the University of Essex. Credit towards a new qualification at an equivalent or lower level will only be re-used for up to one third of the total credit required and would only be allowed to be re-used once.

### **3. CRITERIA**

- 3.1 The following criteria will apply:
- The University's re-use of credit policy will be varied for the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust only, to meet the continuous professional development needs of its students.
  - Credit towards a new postgraduate qualification at an equivalent or lower level will only be re-used up to one third of the total credit required for the new award
  - Credit will only be allowed to be re-used once.
  - Approval to re-use credit would be given by the Dean / Deputy Dean of Partnerships on a case-by-case basis.

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