

Annual Conference, 2018

**‘HE Under the Microscope’**

12th-13th April, University of Chester

**Never before have Higher Education providers been under such scrutiny from so many. With the Prime Minister promising a ‘major review’ of HE funding and finance, a parliamentary enquiry into value for money, the glare of the media on Vice-Chancellor pay, the continuing evolution of TEF and an increasing interest in metrics across the board, Universities cannot help but feel under examination and that is before we see the introduction of the new Office for Students.**

**The 2018 AMHEC conference aims to explore some of these topics and help members consider how their institutions and they personally may need to respond to and manage these challenges.**

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| **THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2018** | |
| 10.00 am | Registration and arrival refreshments |
| 10.50 am | **Welcome and Introduction**  Claire Lorrain, AMHEC Chair |
| 11.00 am | **Session 1:** **KEY NOTE - HIGHER EDUCATION UNDER THE MICROSCOPE**  *Presenter: Gordon McKenzie, Chief Executive, Guild HE* |
| 11.50am | **Session 2: MEETING OFFA EXPECTATIONS**  *Presenter: David Barrett, Deputy Director, Office for Fair Access* |
| 12.30 pm | **Session 3: DISPARITIES IN UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE AND THE BME ATTAINMENT GAP**  *Presenter: Amatey Doku, Vice-President (Higher Education), NUS* |
| 1.00 pm | **Question & Answer Session** |
| 1.15 pm | LUNCH |
| 2.00 pm | **Session 4: APPLICANT BEHAVIOUR –THE DATA AND TRENDS** *Presenter: Seth Fleet, Lead Data Scientist, Analysis and Research, UCAS* |
| 2.45 pm | **Session 5:** **WORKING WITH DIOCESE AND THE SCHOOLS AGENDA**  *Presenter: Sam Johnson, Deputy Director of Education, Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education* |
| 3.30 pm | **Question & Answer Session** |
| 3.45 pm | TEA/COFFEE |
| 4.00 pm | **Session 6: GDPR – GETTING PERSONAL**  *Presenter: Eversheds Sutherland, Diane Gilhooley, Partner* |
| 4.45 pm | **Question & Answer Session** |
| 5.00 pm | CLOSE |
| 7.00 pm | Evening Reception *(sponsored by Eversheds Sutherland )* |
| 7.30 pm | Dinner and Bar *(Dress code: smart/casual)* |

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| **FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2018** | |
| 8.00 am | BREAKFAST |
| 9.30 am | **AMHEC Annual General Meeting** |
| 10.00 am | **Session 7: PRIORITIES FOR THE OFFICE FOR STUDENTS AND SECTOR FINANCE**  *Presenter: Vicky Howlett, Senior Assurance Advisor, HEFCE/ Office for Students* |
| 10.45 am | **Session 8: THE FUTURE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNIVERSITIES**  *Presenter: James O’Donoghue, National College of Teaching and Leadership (NCTL)* |
| 11.30 am | TEA/COFFEE |
| 11.45 am | **Session 9: STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH: A PROPORTIONATE RESPONSE OR SHOULD UNIVERSITIES DO MORE, MORE, MORE?**  *Presenter: Nic Streatfield, Head of Student Support, York St John University* |
| 12.30 pm | **Question & Answer Session** |
| 12.45 pm | LUNCH AND DEPARTURE |