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Dear Sir Michael,

TEF Year Four (2019) participation for HE providers in Wales

Further to your letter of 11 September, I would like to thank you for confirming that the TEF Year Four procedural guidance will set out the need for Welsh providers to notify the Welsh Government of their intent to apply for a TEF award in order to obtain the Welsh Ministers' consent for the OfS to award a TEF rating.

While I acknowledge that the TEF subject-level pilots will not result in a published TEF rating, clarification is required about the legal powers being relied upon for the operation of these pilots. If the relevant powers are those provided for by section 25 of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (HERA), I will need to be made aware of any Welsh provider that applies to the second year of the subject-level pilots so that a decision on consent may be taken in relation to those Welsh institutions for which consent has not previously been notified to you.

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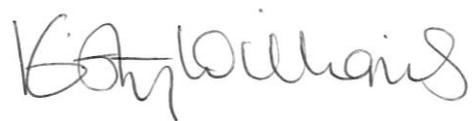
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In the meantime, my officials will continue engaging with you on the details of how this might work in practice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

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