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This circular notifies institutions of the UK funding bodies' public consultation upon the management of complaints and investigations relating to the application of the 2021 Research Excellence Framework, (REF 2021) Codes of practice (COP).

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Introduction

- 1. In November 2019, HEFCW notified institutions of the intention to consult upon a process for the management of complaints and investigations, relating to the implementation of Research Excellence Framework 2021 Codes of practice. This consultation is now open.
- 2. The consultation question document is attached at **Annex A** with the full consultation document available at **Annex B**.
- Responses to the consultation should be submitted by completing the survey accessible at the following link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YFG7DSM.
- 4. Institutions are encouraged to participate in the consultation and asked to promote the opportunity as appropriate to provide views upon this matter.

Timetable

5. The consultation will close at 12:00pm noon on 6 March 2020.

Further information / responses to

6. For further information, contact researchwales@hefcw.ac.uk.