

MFEHE and Unis Wales

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■ - interesting times, Medr and change. But also wider UK and Intl political setting

Compete in UK and global marketplace

Financial position

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Heads up re tough decisions

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Professional services and academic side

Reducing cost base

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Looking at everything - pay savings, capital programme,

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Universities working together on services, efficiencies,

But no silver bullet

Want to work with Minister on how to manage - anything they want from us

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Institutions talking to each other, collaboration is key

Procurement services - efficiencies within group structures

Need to be aware of optimism bias on:

Shared services

Mergers - dealing with market failure not necessarily strategic

[REDACTED]

Will need to go to some tougher places

[REDACTED]

Call with Aber tomorrow - sharing ideas

[REDACTED] - creating headroom

Intl recruitment

Not coming back quickly - uneven coverage

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Flat fee was manageable on back of international recruitment but not sustainable with overnight policy shift

[REDACTED]

Wouldn't invent a system reliant on such a volatile source of income

Systemic/structural issue rather than just individual universities

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - migration not devolved but keen for policy stability, and potential for planning with a stable policy platform - [REDACTED]

Possibility of incremental growth in future but needs stability

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Minister - asked officials for meeting with [REDACTED], push on immigration changes

Aiming for no surprises with UKG,

Keen to get out and visit all the universities and v keen to focus on increased participation in tertiary sector

V interested in USW strategic alliance

Start at 14 working with Cab Sec - need to increase the pipeline

Keen to do as much as possible to help

Align with MCSSP on degree apps and research sits with Economy

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Participation gaps have been widening - very concerning

Big implication for skills shortages - teachers, nurses, engineers

[REDACTED]

Study in Wales - can we attract students to stay in Wales, come from England and come from elsewhere

FE numbers starting to increase at low levels - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Medr will want to get to grips - wider tertiary issue

AW - drop off in btec route

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Can do outreach activity in this space

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Employability rates are good, student satisfaction is good.

Maintenance grants are higher here - why aren't they going?

Steps to take?

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Minister - agree, participation particularly low amongst disadv who are entitled

Education is main lever to address economic inequality

[REDACTED] - uni have to help but requires something bigger

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Impact on place, economic contribution - regional breakdown, Minister asked for breakdown

[REDACTED] - likely each inst has their own impact study

Minister - align any participation research with Medr

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - next month see what's been produced and where are knowledge gaps

Minister - Lusher report, how does this align with other ministers

[REDACTED] - not that involved

[REDACTED]

Minister - least I can offer

[REDACTED] - hope to coalesce around budget and need to maintained funding

