

## CYPE(5)-24-20 - Paper to note 1

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Dear Lynne

Please find Cardiff and Vale College's response to each of the CYPE Committee's questions around support for HE students during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please note that all of our current students studying on HE programmes at CAVC are enrolled on courses franchised by one of our partner universities and are local to the region. All franchised courses follow the relevant University regulations and guidance and all franchised students have access to the University support services in addition to the College's student support facility. All students and staff attending HE courses at the College socially distance and/or wear appropriate PPE whilst on campus.

- We do not have residential accommodation for our HE students as they all have permanent homes within the region
- As we do not provide accommodation for students we will not be in a situation where we will need to provide food or medicines in the event of groups of students self-isolating. We do, however, provide a Counselling service which franchised HE students can access.
- Students requiring funds due to hardship are identified at application stage, through Student Finance Wales applications and through tutor referral. Hardship funds are created through the Fee and Access Plan.
- The College's Risk Assessment and Campus specific Safe Systems of Work are communicated to all students and weekly updates are communicated via the website and Student Portal. Advice and guidance for all students in the event of Covid symptoms and procedures for self isolation and testing are communicated weekly via the college's website, newsletter and through the College's CAVC TV weekly programme.
- As Vice Principal, I am a member of Cardiff and Vale Public Services Board and sit on the recently formed PHW Incident Management Team for HE and FE. Our Director of Communications sits on the IMT Communications Sub-Group. We have a small number of testing kits for staff and students on site.

I hope the above is useful to the Committee. Obviously, as an FE college with a small number of franchised HE students permanently resident in the region and no Halls of Residence, the nature of our HE student experience and the profile of our typical HE student is very different to that of our University partners.