

Corporate Health Standard

Action Plan

Name of business/organisation: Prifysgol Aberystwyth/Aberystwyth University Date completed:

Please add a brief one page synopsis of your business/organisation to include:

How many staff you have:

Aberystwyth University has 2405 employees.

Nature and type of business/organisation;

The establishment of Aberystwyth University is one of the great romantic, indeed heroic, stories of modern Welsh history. It was the work of a small group of patriots, led by Hugh Owen, a London Welshman, who sought from the 1850s onwards to raise enough money by public and private subscription to establish a college of university status in Wales. It was almost an impossible ambition. In 1872, the University was opened in a half-finished hotel building on the sea front in Aberystwyth. There were 26 ill-prepared students and a teaching staff of three.

The first dozen or so years were a desperate hand to mouth struggle for survival. The generosity of a few individual beneficiaries and organised appeals for support from the ordinary people of Wales, kept the University in being, and, perhaps more importantly, deeply rooted it in the affection of the Welsh people. A matter of considerable pride is that the University has made a significant contribution to the education of women, being one of the first institutions to admit female students.

From the 1960s the University relocated from the seafront to the Penglais campus. This finely landscaped site enjoys spectacular views over the town of Aberystwyth and the sea. New buildings, including major arts and science developments, halls of residence, a magnificent Arts Centre and first rate sports facilities are located here. Most recently, major investment from the Welsh Assembly Government has led to the founding of the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences.

Despite continuing expansion both of buildings and of student numbers, Aberystwyth has retained its traditional friendly intimacies, its vigorous student social life, and its high academic standards. We have exceptional commitment and results in both research and teaching and a firm friendship with the town and local community, on which we must build for the future.

In 2007, all the colleges of the University of Wales entered a new phase of existence as independent universities, though strong bonds of cooperation remain, re-affirmed in the St David's Day accord of 2009 between Aberystwyth and the other four leading universities of Wales. Newly independent, Aberystwyth University reflects with pride on the heritage of its past, and faces the future with the confidence.

Management Structure, e.g. Board of Directors, CEO, General Manager, Sections / Teams;

See below

And, anything else you feel may be relevant to the assessment.

An updated organizational chart will be provided

Please utilise your Corporate Health Standard Pack to view the detail required under each area of the criteria. There are also a number of supplementary resources which you may find useful which can be found on the Welsh Government Website: http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/health/improvement/work/resources/?lang=en

It is recommended that you record obstacles overcome and lessons learnt in your action plan, where appropriate, to show how your health and well-being work has developed.

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Corporate Health Standard Core Components

1. Organisational Support

• Evidence summary:

Level		Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date)	Index / Hyperlink
BRONZE	1	A commitment to workplace health at a senior management / board level	On-going	Executive Team (ET) and Human Resources (HR)		AU has always been committed to workplace health and wellbeing (H&W) at several levels. This is shown by the numerous H&W initiatives carried out across the University over the past years and by the work conducted by the ET and the HR department. The aim of AU is to support employees and create a positive working environment which will enhance their work experience and overall H&W	1.0 Copies of relevant minutes of meeting (MOM) included in portfolio: - Senate - Council - HS&E
						In 2012-2013 it was decided to achieve the Bronze Level of the Corporate Health Standard Award by the year 2014. Rebecca Davies, Pro Vice-Chancellor Student and Staff Services is fully supportive of HR decision to reach this award as documented in both he CHS Steering Group and HS&E Committee minutes	1.1 We need HS&E Committee MOM 2014 1.2 HR Annual Report 2011: http://www.aber.ac. uk/en/media/depart mental/humanresources/hrmanagement /governance/HR- Annual-Report-to- Staffing-Committee-

		<u>9-6-11-final.pdf</u>
		1.3 HR Strategic plan 2012/2013 http://www.aber.ac. uk/en/hr/hr- team/directors- office/hr- governance/strategi c-plan/
		1.4 Action plan 2012- 2013 http://www.aber.ac. uk/en/media/depart mental/humanresou rces/hrmanagement /governance/action- plan-hr-2012- 13final.pdf (Page 2)
		1.5 HR Operational Plan 2013-2014: http://www.aber.ac .uk/en/hr/hr- team/actionplan/
		1.6 HR action plan 2013-2014: http://www.aber.ac. uk/en/media/depart mental/humanresou rces/objectivesoper ationplan/HR-Team- Objectives-2013- 14.pdf (Page 4)

		1.7 HR 2014-2015 Action Plan: Document attached
		1.8 Weekly email staff
	In March 2014 a group of delegates from AU met with Claire Waters, Principal Practitioner, from Public Health Wales to discuss the CHS framework and workplace related H&W issues	1.9 MOM of the day, a report from the Deputy Director of HR and examples of emails included in portfolio.
	In the meanwhile between 2012 and 2013 a Sport, Exercise & Wellness Committee had already been formed within the University In 2013 AU further invested into H&W by appointing a full time (one year contract) Health Champion (HC-graduate trainee) with the aim to promote staff H&W. Pro-vice chancellor John Grattan was the first person to go through a set of tests designed as a basic M.O.T. check on health. The Executive has recently agreed a post of Graduate Trainee for a second year to include health and wellbeing as part of their remit.	 1.10 MOM included in portfolio 1.11 Copy of the HC contract 1.12 SES AberNews article on the HC role: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/sport-exercise/latest-news/newsarchive/title-144758-en.html 1.13 Pictures included in portfolio
	In November 2013 we attended the "Good Day at Work Conference in London". The Good Day at Work is a supportive and collaborative network of fellow professionals which allows to learn from other	1.14 Examples of email and program of the day included in portfolio

Following a consultation with the Deputy Director of HR Heather Hinkin it was decided to attend the CHS workshop which will be held in Cardiff (July 3 rd , 2014). The next step for AU will be to work towards the silver level (assumed that we achieve the bronze first) In 2013 AU joined the UK Healthy Universities Network which encourages a whole University approach to H&W and facilitates national networking 1.18 Networking membership: http://www.healthyuniversities.ac.uk/national-networkmeetings.php?s=196&subs=59		organisations' successes while sharing ideas On Wednesday 26th March 2014 we attended the Healthy Working Wales Employer Support Event (alcohol and substance misuse) and Award Ceremony in Swansea. A better insight with regards to CHS approach to H&W was gained.	1.15 Registration form/email to the event and programme of the day included in portfolio 1.16 Presentation delivered on the day: http://www.healthyworkingwalesevent.coo.uk/downloads/Healthy-Working-Wales-Presentation.pdf
		Deputy Director of HR Heather Hinkin it was decided to attend the CHS workshop which will be held in Cardiff (July 3 rd , 2014). The next step for AU will be to work towards the silver level (assumed that we achieve the bronze first) In 2013 AU joined the UK Healthy Universities Network which encourages a whole University approach to H&W and facilitates	emails, registration and event programme included in portfolio 1.18 Networking membership: http://www.healthyuniversities.ac.uk/national-network-meetings.php?s=19

					University Network web page: http://www.healthyuniversities.ac.uk/index.php?s=1
				In May 2014 we attended the UK Healthy Universities Network meeting which was held in Cardiff at the Metropolitan University. The workshop theme was: "Health and Wellbeing in Universities: Fostering a strategic Whole System Approach"	1.20 Emails, list of delegates and details of the event included in portfolio
				At the same time (2014) we started to collaborate with Marion Clark from Public Health Wales with regards to joining the Welsh version (scheme to be finalised) of the UK Healthy Universities Network. We have submitted a case study which highlights AU approach to staff H&W.	1.21 Examples of emails included in portfolio. Case study can be provided on request
2	A representative health and well-being steering group e.g. human resource manager, occupational health and safety, senior management, employee representatives, unions, worklife balance officers, equalities officer	On-going	HR	Following the first meeting with Claire Water a "H&W steering group" was formed. The group has now been named "The Corporate Health Standard Steering Group". The first meeting was held on the 15 th of April 2014. Since then two more meetings took place on the 8 th , of May and the 2 nd of June 2014. A fourth meeting has been scheduled for the 18 th of June 2014. Representative of the group include HR staff, head of departments, institute managers,	1.22 Emails and MOM

				HS&E manager, H&W champions, campus services and trade union representatives from all 3 recognised unions.	
				All of the CHS steering group members are also part of the University's intranet Share Point group "Health and Wellbeing". This allows the group to share ideas, post and review various documents including the CHS action plan while progressing actions in a timely manner.	1.23 Evidence included in portfolio. The assessor will also be given electronic access to SharePoint
3	An action plan to take forward health and well-being activities	On-going	HR	HR has produced action plans	Refer to 1.2, 1.4

2. Communication

Evidence summary:

Level		Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink
BRONZE	1	A prominently sited and regularly updated health and well-being notice board	On-going	HR, Health Champion (HC), Sports Centre		AU main website has regularly updated electronic bilingual H&W noticeboards	2.0 Staff H&W webpage: http://www.aber.ac .uk/en/supporting- staff/work/healtha nddisability/health- wellbeing/ 2.1 Sports Centre H&W web pages: http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/sportscentre/health /

			AU Communications and Public Affairs Publications produces a newspaper for staff called "Aber News". Among many, articles on H&W are one of the main features of the newspaper	http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/staff/health-wellbeing/ 2.2 HR Staff support web page: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/supporting-staff/work/healthanddisability/ 2.3 School of Education and Lifelong Learning web page: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/sell/pqce/wellbeing/health/ 2.4 AberNews http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/news/aber-news/ H&W articles/stories included in portfolio (evidence provided for articles published from 2010 up to date) 2.5 AberNews Archive http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/news/archive/
			AU main website/page also reserves a space for the publication of news/stories, including those related to H&W	2.6 Evidence of H&W news/stories included in portfolio

				There are several noticeboards located on different areas of the campus which are updated with H&W information. Currently updated noticeboards: - Llandinam Building (2-3 noticeboards) - International English Centre - Cledwyn building (2 noticeboards) - Penbryn staff room - Estate Department - Pumlumon - Pantycelyn - Cwrt Mawr - Blas Gogerddan - Blas Paddarn - Physics - Edward Llwyd - Elystan Morgan - Old College-Finance - Gogerddan - School of Art - HR The list will be updated	2.7 Pictures and examples of emails can be found in portfolio. The assessor will be given a tour
2	Dissemination of health and well-being information via email	On-going	HR, HC, Sports Centre	AU has in place a weekly e-mail service which is referred as "Weekly Bulletin" and it is used to dissemination H&W information (and others) to staff and students	2.8 Weekly Bulletin Service: http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/bulletin/2014/week/ 16/ 2.9 Examples of emails advertising some internal and external H&W activities/events,

				services etc. included in portfolio.
3	Staff briefings, e.g. workforce; departmental; and team briefings	HR	Following the first CHS meeting in April 2014 Head of Departments (HoD), Institute Managers (IM) etc. were asked to hold (if this had never been done before) regular H&W briefing sessions at departmental/institute level. We are finding it a little difficult to get on board some of the departments and we are exploring alternative routes to facilitate the occurrence of specific H&W briefing sessions. Some HoD have started to send emails to staff with regards the University's CHS approach to H&W	2.5 MOM to be received and included in portfolio Also refer to MOM (8 th of May 2014), point 1.22 of section above Example of email sent by HoD to staff
			The HR department and the HC have held staff briefing with regards to H&W The Health Champion presented a session at the HR annual away day in April 2014	2.6 Examples of consultations, emails and presentations are provided in portfolio
			The HR Team holds team briefing sessions on a Wednesday morning for all HR staff. H&W items are a regular feature and progress on the CHS has been disseminated	Some evidence needed

3. Employee Involvement

Evidence summary:

Level		Criteria	Action	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date	Index / Hyperlink
BRONZE	1	Systems must be in place to ensure that employees can receive and provide information	Required On-going	HR	Timescale	Aberystwyth University is committed to create the best possible working environment. HR provides online support (see web link in the next column) where employees can obtain and provide information on a variety of issues including H&W. Employees are also encouraged to contact any member of the HR Team who will answer any questions and provide support as needed in this respect Employees can be sign posted to the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) which is a free confidential service were expert advice, valuable information, specialist counselling and support is provided Refer to point 7.0 for statistics related to the number of people making use of the EAP service	3.0 Employment Information: http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/hr/employment- information/ 3.1 Supporting Staff HR: http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/supporting-staff/ 3.2 HR Director incitation message to seek support: http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/supporting- staff/welcome/ 3.3 Employee Assistance Programme (EAP): http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/hr/employment- information/eap/ 3.4 Employee-E- brochure-Final: http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/media/departmenta I/humanresources/em ploymentinformation/e

		HR and the HC have held staff briefing sessions Two Stress surveys were carried out in 2010 and 2011 – the HSE Stress Survey and Asset Survey conducted by Robertson Cooper	mployeeassistancepro gramme/Welsh-Employee-E-brochure-Final.pdf Please refer to point 2.6 3.5 ASSET survey links: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmenta l/humanresources/employmentinformation/healthwellbeingpolicy/english/communicationswell-being-survey-faqsenglishfinal.pdf http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmenta l/news/abernews/AberNewsAug11.pdf (page 11)
		We hold awareness days such as stress and no-smoking days. We also encourage participation to national organised events such as Race for Life, etc. These events offer the opportunity for providing and sharing information related to health and well-being	Refer to section B points 1.2, 2.99G, and 6.17

4. Policies

Evidence	Evidence summary:								
Level		Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink		
BRONZE	1	A health and safety policy	Policy development	HS&E Director (Phil Maddison)		We have a Health, Safety and Environmental (HS&E) policy statement	4.0 HS&E policy statement: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmental/healthsafetyenvironment/Aber_HS&E_Policy_Dec2013.pdf		
						A full HS&E policy is being developed by the Director of Health, Safety and Environment, Phil Maddison. This will be presented to full Council on 20 June 2014 for approval.	4.1 Document needed		
	а	A mental health promotion policy (may be part of H&S policy)	None	HR		Policy in place (part of H&W policy)	4.2 Health and Wellbeing Policy: http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/media/departmenta l/humanresources/em ploymentinformation/h ealthwellbeingpolicy/e nglish/Health-and- Wellbeing-PolicyENG- 060508pdf		
	b	A musculoskeletal disorder policy (may be part of H&S policy)	None	HR		Document available on the HR webpage.	4.3 Guidance For Managing Musculoskeletal		

Revised September 2013

Disorders:

http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/hr/employment-

					information/health- wellbeing/musculoskel etal/
2	A bullying and harassment policy	None	HR	Policy in place (part of Dignity & Respect at Work Policy). This policy has been in place for a number of years and is due for review with the trade unions in June 2014. As part of the review, a number of open sessions were held with staff from August to December 2013 to seek their input to improve the policy. This work was recently reported to the Equal Opportunities & Diversity Committee meeting which was held on 8 May 2014	4.4 Dignity & Respect policy: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmental/humanresources/employmentinformation/dignityrespectatworkpolicy/Dignity-+-Respectat-Work-PolicyFINAL.pdf
3	A smoke-free policy	None	HR	Policy in place	4.5 AU Policy on Smoking: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmental/healthsafetyenvironment/aupolicy_on_smoking_bilingual_version_3.pdf
4	An alcohol and substance misuse policy	Policy approval	HR (Sam Morrison)	Policy developed and considered by Professional Development and Staffing Committee on 22 May 2014. Policy will then be considered by Joint Consultative and Negotiating Committee in June 2014	4.6 Policy will be included in portfolio HR webpage "What are we working on": http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hr/

5. Policy Development

Evidence summary: Action **Progress** (including date Criteria Index / Hyperlink Responsibility Level Timescale Required achieved) **BRONZE** HR and HS&E develop policies 5.0 We need to To have in place systems to On-going Executive inform staff of policy Team, HR, which are discussed with the include a flow chart developments and HS&E, Unions Executives, Trade Union example in portfolio implementation representatives and staff can also input before their 5.1 AberNews approval. HR Managers also http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/media/departmenta attend monthly meetings with their departments and update I/news/abernews/aber them on policy development -news-feb-13---finaland provide training on various web.pdf (Page 7 on PDF) policies in place. Aber News and the weekly emails service are also used to announce policy implementation. 5.2 List of policies: All policies are also available on University intranet. http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/hr/employmentinformation/

6. Health and Safety

Evidence summary: Criteria Action Responsibility **Timescale** Index / Hyperlink Progress (including date Level achieved) Required AU recognises that the 6.0 HS&E Structure **BRONZ** Systems to identify On-going Health & health and safety Safety (H&S) protection of the H&S of its and Responsibilities: Е Officers http://www.aber.ac.uk/ hazards employees, students and en/media/departmenta others affected by its activities, are an integral part of the I/healthsafetyenvironm University's operation and an ent/aber structure an d responsibilities mar important responsibility of management at every level 08.pdf Systems to identify H&S 6.1 AU Staff Induction hazards are in place across Plan (Generic) the University at different included in portfolio levels. For more information please refer to the HS&E Structure and Responsibilities document in the next column Line managers ensure that 6.2 Example of the **HS&E Induction** their employees have sufficient experience, or have received Report Form included appropriate training, before in portfolio or they undertake any work http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/search/?q=Inductio activity that contains any n+Report+Form&s=ab significant hazards. All staff must read the Health, er.ac.uk%2F&l=en (When you click on Safety and Environmental Policy Statement and the the above web link Health, Safety & then click on: **Environmental Management:** "Health, Safety and Structure and Responsibilities. **Environment**

				Carol Jenkins	All staff must complete the S010 Induction Report copies of this document which must be retained by the employee and the departmental administrator Risk assessment forms and HS&E guidance are available on the University Intranet. Specific Risk Assessment packs and training currently being updated A HS&E committee meets three times per year to discuss	6.3 AU procedures and forms: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hse/proc-prac/risk-assessment/ 6.4Emergency Actions, Injury – General: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hse/proc-prac/summary/ 6.5 Procedures & Practices Risk Assessment: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hse/emergency/injury/ 6.6 Policies: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hse/policy/ Refer to 1.0
					and address issues related to AU H&S	
	2	Effective risk controls	As above	As above	As above	As above in box 1
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7. Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

Evidence summary:

Level	Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink
BRONZE 1	Recording of sickness absence data		HR		HR monitor sickness on a regular basis. Line managers inform HR about any staff absence due to sickness on their monthly return. This process is due to change as a result of the new integrated HR/payroll system which came online in February 2014 and for which self-service should be operational by July 2014. Once operational employees will be able to input sickness absence directly into the system. Periodic sickness statistics are presented to a number of forums e.g. Professional Development & Staffing Committee, JCNC and even at Senior Induction events. HoD and Ids also receive reports on short and long term absence in order to manage absence in accordance with the sickness absence policy and procedure. The statistics generated include the following: Trends in absence	7.0 Absence data sheet included in portfolio

				 Top causes of absenteeism Identify areas that have high levels of absence Absence rates and costs 	
2	Recording of participation	Sar		 Average sickness days per department/institute Records of participation levels to 	7.1 Data will be
2	levels, e.g. staff attending courses, participation rates in			H&W events	included in portfolio
	health and well-being activities	(Ŕa	orts Centre achel bbard)	Number of staff memberships and/or class/gym/pool sessions attended by staff members	7.2 Data will be included in portfolio
			esacane C)	HC activities. About 47 health checks have been conducted, 25 people attended the HC talk on H&W, 21 people made use of free massage services, and 6 people attended the hypnotherapy seminar.	7.3 Some examples of emails and one consent forms included in portfolio. More forms could be shown on request.
				43 staff members are participating to Aber870 challenge	Please refer to section B point 6.17. Assessors will be given access to share point
				Alcohol Brief Intervention (ABI) training (July 2014)	We may be able to include the list of participants who will attend the ABI training session if we manage to book the final assessment in July 2014
					Please also refer to

		point 7.0 for statistics
		about people making
		use of counselling
		services offered by
		the Employee
		Assistance
		Programme (EAP)

Corporate Health Standard Specific Health Issues

1. Tobacco

Evidence summary:

Evidence	Sui	mmary:					
Level		Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink
BRONZE	1	Clearly outline how the organisation complies with the smoke-free legislation	None	HR		Policy in place	Refer to No-Smoking policy in Section A, 4.0 Policies, point 4.4
	2	Make information about health effects of tobacco use and second hand smoke available to staff via leaflets and posters	On-going	HR, HC		BHF (Births Heart Foundation), Ash Wales and Stop Smoking Wales booklets/posters have been distributed/displayed around campus. During awareness days	1.0 Pictures, emails examples, despatch notes, booklet etc. be found in portfolio Refer to 1.1 below
	3	Involvement in No Smoking Day (or similar awareness raising events)	On-going	HS&E, HC		During the National No Smoking Day 13 th March 2013 ASH Wales provided an exhibition in the Hugh Owen library. Sport and Exercise Science Department also provided two postgraduate students who offered lung function and blood pressure tests in the Sports Centre	Refer to HS&E MOM (Tuesday 4 th June, 2013), in 1.1
						A similar event took place in March 12 th of 2014. A Healthy Advisor from Stop Smoking Wales once again provided an exhibition. Information about health effects of tobacco use	1.1 Photos, advert and emails included in portfolio.

			and second hand smoke was	
			provided to staff	
			Further campaigns will be	
4	Promotion of smoking	HR, HS&E, HC	As above. (e.g. during	
	cessation services		awareness days, cessation	
			services/links provided in booklets etc.)	
			Electronic resources are also available (follow the link on the	1.2 Staff Health &
			side)	Well-being web page: http://www.aber.ac.uk/
				en/supporting- staff/work/healthanddi
				sability/health-
				wellbeing/
				1.3 School of
				Education and
				Lifelong Learning web page:
				http://www.aber.ac.uk/ en/sell/pgce/wellbeing
				/health/smoking/
				1.4 AberNews: http://www.aber.ac.uk/
				en/news/archive/2014
				/03/title-147373- en.html

2. Mental Health Promotion

Level		Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink
BRONZE	1	Mental health promotion policy (may be part of health & safety policy) and bullying & harassment policy	None	HR		Policies in place	Mental health policy is part of Health and Wellbeing policy. Please refer to Section A, point 4.2 2.0 Dignity & Respect at Work policy: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hr/employment-information/dignity/ 2.1 Equal Opportunities and Diversity policy: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/equality/equality-policy/policyarchive/equal-opportunities-diversity-policy/full/
	2	Is compliant with legislation including the Equality Act 2010	None	HR		Following the implementation of the Equality Act in 2010, AU Strategic Equality Plan added the areas of Gender Reassignment, Marriage & Civil Partnership and Pregnancy & Maternity, totalling nine Protected Characteristics (previously strands) of equality (see	2.2 Equality Act: File can be found in portfolio of evidence 2.3 Equality Action Plan 2009-2011: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmental/humanresources/pdfs/equalopgortunities/Equality_Action_Plan_FINAL.pdf

			strategic plan)	
				- Strategic Equality Plan 2012 and Action Plan 2012-2016: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ media/departmental/huma nresources/pdfs/Strategic -Equality-Plan-Final- English-2012.pdf
				- Equality Impact assessment (EIA) 2010: Document in portfolio
				- Equality Objectives Strategic Equality Plan: 2012 – 2016: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ equality/equality- policy/obv/
			Vice Chancellor's Statement (equality and Diversity)	2.4 Statement: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ equality/vc-statement/
			Equal Opportunities and Diversity Committee	- Composition and terms of Reference: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/equality/committee/
			AU was the first University in Wales to sign the Time to Change Wales pledge for ending the stigma and discrimination faced by	2.5 AberNews: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ news/archive/2013/12/title -143418-en.html
Revised Sente	mbor 2012		people with mental health problems.	2.6 Time to Change

				media/departmental/huma nresources/equalitydiversi ty/Annual-Equalities- Report-2014.pdf
			AU has been rated among the top 5 gay-friendly Universities in the UK by Stonewall.	2.93 AberNews article: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ news/archive/2012/07/title -119082-en.html
			AU has also set up a network for gay, lesbians etc. aiming to facilitate socialisation and interaction	2.94 The Aber Staff LGB&T Network: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ supporting- staff/lifestyle/aberlgb&tnet work/
			AU has been "Two Ticks"- Positive About Disabled People for 11 years.	2.95 Two Ticks Statement: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ equality/two-ticks/
			AU offers bilingual diversity e-learning course for staff, on 'Diversity in the Workplace'	2.96 Courses: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ equality/diversitycourse/
			AU has an equality and diversity Accessibility Forum. For more detail please refer to the web-link in the next column	2.97 Forum: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ equality/accessibility- forum/
Pavisad Santa			Other information with regards to Equality and Diversity can be found on the University intranet by following the web link	2.98 AU Equality and Diversity web page http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/equality/

					provided in the next column	
	3	Flexible working practices	None	HR	The University offers a	2.99
		and family friendly policies			range of family friendly	http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/
		in place			policies including the	hr/employment-
					following:	information/flexiblework/
					- Flexible Working	2.990
					- Maternity Leave	http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/
					- Parental Leave	hr/employment-
					- Adoption Leave	information/leave/maternit
					- Special leave	<u>y/</u> 2.99A
						http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ hr/employment-
						information/leave/parental
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						2.99B
						http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/
						hr/employment-
						information/leave/adoptio
						<u>n/</u> 2.99C
						http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/
						hr/employment-
						information/leave/special-
						<u>leave/</u>
					The University also	2.99D
					operates a childcare	Childcare Vouchers
					voucher scheme and hosts	Salary Sacrifice Scheme:
					two nursery schools on	http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/
					Penglais (main campus)	hr/employment-
					and Gogerddan campus.	information/financial-
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	4	Has a system in place	On-going	HR and	The University monitors	2.99E Example of SDPR
		which enables employees		Centre for the	staff performance, and	form included in portfolio
		to comment on their job demands, job role and		Development of Staff and	training needs via the "Staff Development and	
		training needs		Academic	Performance Review	
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			Practice		(SDPR) process	
					SDPR is the process of reviewing staff performance at work and follows on from the probation process. All staffs employed by the University take part. This will be part of Aber People system from 2014.	2.99F Staff Development & Performance Review: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ sdpr/ http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ cdsap/ http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ staff/aber-people/
					In 2013 the Research Business and Innovation Department developed a supplementary section for early career researchers as part of the SDPR process	Evidence/link to be provided
5	Uses resources and participates in national campaigns e.g. National Stress Awareness Day	On-going		HC, HR, SC	The University participates to the National Stress Awareness Day. We organised some events in November 2012 and November 2013	2.99G Aber News 2012 http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ news/archive/2012/11/title -123259-en.html 2.99H Aber News 2013: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ news/archive/2013/11/title -142519-en.html 2.99I Stress Awareness Day Programme 2012 and 2013: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ supporting- staff/work/healthanddisabi lity/stress-awareness/
Davised Center						2.99J Examples of emails and pictures of the day in

				portfolio. Also refer to page 4 of the Annual Equality Report 2014 which can be found in point 2.91
			During the 2014 Stress Awareness Day a presentation was broadcasted on a continuous loop on the University TV/screens	2.99K Presentation included in portfolio
			Seven-Day Mood-Lifter Plan is available online	2.99L HR web link: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ media/departmental/huma nresources/pdfs/spring- into-happiness-pdf.pdf
			The University Sports Centre every year organises the Fit and Well Month event (since 2008). Among many, H&W services which target mental health are offered.	2.99M Fit and Well program 2014 (page2): http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/training/michelevito/pdf/fwweb1.pdf
			To mark International Women's Day, Aberystwyth University has hosted a wide variety of events for students, staff and the local community	2.99N http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/i s/news/2013/women-day/ http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ news/archive/2013/03/title -127474-en.html
Revised Sente	mbor 2012			http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/news/archive/2014/02/title-146824-en.html

			http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/widening-participation/community/iwd/ http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/psychology/womens-day/ http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/psychology/latest-news/news-article/title-145477-en.html http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmental/psychology/internationalwomensday/IWDCopy.pdf http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmental/psychology/internationalwomensday/IWDCopy.pdf
		Aberystwyth University has a range of champions and	hology/internationalwome nsday/IWDCopy.pdf 2.99O Staff Equality Networks and
		engages with many internal and external networks to help consult, promote and share good practice on a range of equality and diversity areas.	Champions: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/supporting-staff/lifestyle/networksandchampions/
		ŕ	2.99P Aberystwyth Equality Champions list: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/
			supporting- staff/lifestyle/aberequalch

3. Musculoskeletal Disorders

Level		Criteria	Action Required	Responsib ility	Timesc ale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink
BRONZE	1	MSD policy (which may be part of health & safety policy)	Policy approval	HR (Sam Morrison)		Guidance has been developed and is currently being translated	3.0 Please refer to section A point 4.3
	2	1 7	On-going	HS&E, Departme ntal/Institu tes officers		Specific risk assessments are carried out on a regular basis. Further advice can be sought from the University's Occupational Health Adviser. Each department/institute have H&S officers who ensure that all the hazards (including those which could result in musculoskeletal injuries) within departments are subjected to appropriate risk assessment	3.1 HS&E Structure and Responsibilities Management: Refer to section A point 6.0 3.2 Institute and Service Department HS&E Handbooks: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/he/proc-prac/departmental-handbook/ 3.3 Manual Handling: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/he/proc-prac/manual-handling 3.4 Departmental Safety Contacts (Academics) http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hscontacts/dep-safety/academic/

					Risk assessment example forms are provided Online (intranet) support material to	contacts (Non-Academic) http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hse/ contacts/dep-safety/non- academic/ 3.6 Risk assessment forms: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hs e/proc-prac/risk-assessment/ 3.7 VDU workstation
					carry out workplace inspections is available (e.g. risk assessment guidance for workplaces containing visual display units)	checklist: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/me dia/departmental/healthsafety environment/vduchecklist.pdf
	3	Evidence to show that controls are in place (e.g. specific examples or an improvement plan). Specific examples of where risks have been	On-going	HR, HS&E managers	HR monitors and provides data to the HS&E committee with regards to Staff absenteeism caused by occupational health and safety issues	3.8 Please refer to section A point 7.0
		eliminated are desirable.			Department/Institute HS&E meeting. Anything that resulted in a Reportable Incident –RIDDOR would be looked at in more detail by this office and reported to the HSE. Example forms are provided. In 2013 x 2 number of incidents or	3.9 Incident and Occupational Health Report Form: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/med ia/departmental/healthsafetye nvironment/procedurespractic esforms/en-incident+occ- health-rep-new3.pdf
					injuries were reported to the HSE. Training session to reduce the	Evidence to be included 3.10 Manual Handling:
					likelihood of MSDs are organised within the departments by trained staff.	http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hse/proc-prac/manual-handling/Refer to 3.2 and 3.7
Doving Con					Examples of work carried out between HR, OH and the Sports Centre are programmes to support	3.11 Back care exercise classes: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/spor

		to control of off loop and lovely and l
	employees with back conditions.	tscentre/staff/rachel-hubbard/
	Without this programme 2 members	http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/spor
	of staff would not have been able to	tscentre/classes/mind-
	remain in their substantive job.	body/backcare/
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	Cupport motorial to minimize the	Defer to points 2.2 up to 2.7
	Support material to minimise the	Refer to points 3.2 up to 3.7
	risks of musculoskeletal injuries is	
	also available online	
	Online resources on manual	
	handling and visual display units are	
	available	
	available	
	HS&E office has a number of items	3.12 DSE Library Equipment:
	available for loan (e.g. laptop	https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hs
	accessories, foot rest etc. see link)	e/proc-prac/dse/dse-library/
	Wherever there are risks to health	3.13 Personal protective
	and safety that cannot be adequately	equipment (PPE) at work:
	controlled in other ways, the	https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hs
	Personal Protective Equipment at	
	• •	e/proc-prac/ppe/
	Work Regulations 1992 requires	
	Protective Personal Equipment to be	
	supplied.	
	Protective Personal Equipment to be	

4. Alcohol and Substance Misuse

Evidence summary:									
Level	Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink			
BRONZE 1	Alcohol and Substance Misuse Policy is in place that outlines: • expectations to control drinking • how problem drinking will be recognised • how help will be offered • at what point the problem will be treated as a discipline rather than health problem • a supportive approach to those with substance misuse problems • that possession or dealing in drugs is reported to police • duty of care towards any employee presenting under the influence • the support and training available to managers in identifying and dealing with issues of alcohol or substance misuse	Policy approval	HR		The Draft D&A policy has been discussed with the local trade union representatives and agreed. We have received minor amendments from 1 union regional officer to date. PDSC discussed the policy at its meeting on 22 May and delegated executive authority to the Vice-Chancellor to approve any final amendments. Committee also approved the policy for onward transmission to the JCNC and Council in June 2014.	4.0 Policy will be included in portfolio HR webpage "What are we working on": http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hr/			

	that soft drinks are available at corporate functions				
2	Support and training for managers to recognise issues relating to alcohol and substance misuse	To be provided	HR, HC	We contacted Chris Garlic from (Public Health Wales) and Sandra Evans (Health Awareness Officer (Alcohol Harm Reduction, Ceredigion County Council) for delivering training	4.1 Examples of emails
				On Wednesday 26 th March 2014 we attended the Healthy Working Wales: Employer Support Event (alcohol and substance misuse) . This allowed to link with Christopher Garlick and receive important information with regards to the ABI training.	4.2 The power point presentation delivered on that day is included in portfolio. Please also refer to section A, Organisational Support, point 1.9
				ABI Training will be delivered on the 30 th of June 2014. The main point of contact is now Craig Jones (Senior Public Health Practitioner, Public Health Wales)	4.3 Refer to section A point 1.21 for MOM and section B point 4.1 for examples of email 4.4 ABI training poster example

3	Raising awareness of and sign-posting to national helplines or support groups	On-going	HR	Employees can be sign posted to the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) which is a free confidential service were expert advice, valuable information, specialist counselling and support is provided	4.5 Please refer to section A, point 3.3 and 3.4
				The staff H&W page provides a web link to StopSmoking Wales free brief intervention training to stop smoking.	4.7 Please refer to section A point 2.0

5a. Nutrition - Workplaces with Catering Facilities

Evidence	Evidence summary:									
Level		Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink			
BRONZE	1	Provision of a healthy balanced menu using the Eat well plate	On-going	Campus/Hospi tality services and Arts centre		Healthy choices are available on a daily base. See links 5.1	5.1 Menu example: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/h ospitality/hospitality-menu/			
						Hospitality Services has won 3 awards	5.2 Awards: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hospitality/aboutus/			
	2	Selection of healthy ingredients and utilisation of healthier cooking and preparation methods	On-going	Campus/Hospi tality services, Arts centre		Hospitality services promotes the use of fresh local and Fairtrade products. Hospitality services is committed to healthy food by reducing the	5.3 Sustainable and ethical purchasing and food policy statement: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/h ospitality/sustainabilitypolic			
						use of artificial additives, salt	ies/ethicalandsustainability			

				and fats in all its foods. As audited by the Food for Life award.	5.4 Report on Sustainable and ethical purchasing and food policy statement 2012-2013: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hospitality/sustainabilitypolicies/report2013sustainable andethicalpolicyreview/
3	Clearly labelled healthy options are available	On-going	Hospitality services and Arts Centre	Hospitality Services will have the New Healthy Menu to be launched on the 1st June 2014 to have at least 2 options for healthy main courses as well as nutritional information relating to the dishes. In May 2014 we held a meeting with Kate Sands, the Senior Sales Manager for "Autobar" vending machines site around the University campus. Based on the CHS guidelines for vending machines a list of healthy products has been now sent to Kate. She has committed to take action therefore introduce some of the suggested foods and drinks.	5.5 Examples of emails and CHS vending machine guidelines included in portfolio
4	Provision of information about healthy eating	On-going	HR, HC and SC	The H&W webpage for staff offers information about healthy eating and also provides useful web links. Other intranets webpages	5.6 Staff Health and Wellbeing web page: Please refer to section B point 1.3 5.7 School of Education

				which can be accessed by staff also provide information related to healthy eating	and Lifelong Learning web page: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/s ell/pgce/wellbeing/health/h ealthy-eating/ 5.8 AU Sports Centre: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/s portscentre/health/toptips/ howtoloseweight/toptips/
5	Participation in national events, for example, 5 a day	On-going	HC, HR, Hospitality Services	During national Stress Awareness Day and the Fit and Well Month healthy eating was promoted. Special offers on fresh made juices and smoothies were available.	5.9 Please refer to section B, point 2.99L 5.10 Please refer to section B, point 2.99I
6	Healthy alternatives are made available including: • fresh fruit • for main meals, at least two portions of vegetables • semi-skimmed milk • drinking water	On-going	Hospitality services	Fresh fruits, semi-skimmed milk (find out), two vegetarian options and four main mains are all available in the main restaurants. Water is available via water fountains, kitchen/canteens accessibility. Drinking water is also provided for free in some restaurants (e.g. arts centre)	See 5.1 Assessor will be given a tour of the restaurant.
7	Eating areas are clean and bright	On-going	Hospitality services and Arts Centre	Cleaning occurs on a daily basis, several times.	Assessor will be given a tour.
8	Suitable facilities for breast feeding mothers	Suitable space to be assigned for breast feeding	HR-Hospitality services and Arts Centre	Departments make arrangements locally via the HR Department. A paragraph has been included in correspondence from the HR department to new or	5.11 Example letter from HR included in portfolio

				expectant mothers on this issue.	
9	Four healthy choice criteria available	On-going	Hospitality services and Arts Centre	Freshly prepared dishes, salads, fruit, water and fruit juices.	See 5.1

6. Physical Activity

Evidence	Evidence summary:								
Level		Criteria	Action Required	Responsibility	Timescale	Progress (including date achieved)	Index / Hyperlink		
BRONZE	1	Raise awareness of and provides information on the importance and health benefits of regular exercise including walking and cycling	On-Going On-Going	HR, HC, SC		AU offers "Cycle to Work Scheme".	Refer to Please refer to section B point 1.3 6.0 AU Sports Centre web page: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/s portscentre/health/walkson campus/ 6.1 HR Support with Lifestyle web page: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/s upporting-staff/lifestyle/support-with-lifestyle/ 6.2 Cycle scheme: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/s upporting-staff/lifestyle/support-with-lifestyle/		

					AU supports and sponsors the "Aberystwyth Town Cycle Fest" in several ways. Among many one of the aims is to work in partnership with employers, local businesses and alumni too enrich AU staff experience.	Centre): http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/s portscentre/facilities/bikehi re/ 6.4 Health and Safety information on cycling: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/h se/environment- hub/cycling- home/#d.en.127740 6.5 Bike Racks and Showers: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/h se/environment- hub/cycling-home/bike- racks-and-showers/ 6.6 Aber Cycle Fest AberNews 2013: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/n ews/archive/2013/05/title- 135476-en.html 6.7 AU News and event about Cycling: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/h se/environment- hub/cycling-home/news- and-events/
						and-events/ Email example on weekly bulletin
	2	Provides contact details	On-going	HR and HC	The University Sports Centre	6.8 Please refer to 6.1
	~	for local leisure	On-going	TIIX and TIO	contact details can be found	0.01 lease letel to 0.1
		centres/sports			on the HR website.	6.9 Example of advert on
		clubs/fitness classes			Details are also published in	Aber News included in
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				the News staff paper	portfolio.
				The sports Centre also offers family and retired members memberships	6.10 Sports Centre staff membership: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/s portscentre/membership/st aff/ Assessor will be given a tour of the facilities
3	Provides information about local safe routes to cycle or walk to work to encourage active commuting	On-going	H&S Officer	Info are available on AU webpage	6.11 Health and safety (Cycling): http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/h se/environment- hub/cycling-home/cycling- safety/ 6.12 Leisure Routes: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/h se/environment- hub/cycling-home/leisure- routes/ 6.13 Campus Walk map: http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/ media/13997-Walking- Leaflet-%282%29.pdf 6.14 Refer to 6.0
4	Use signage and other innovative means to encourage physical activity during the working day e.g. using stairs instead of lifts, lunchtime fitness classes	On-Going	HR, HC, SC	HC website tip of the week Noticeboards around campus are filled in with H&W information AU has held (and still does)	6.15 Staff Webpage Tip of the week): Please refer to section B, point 1.3 The investigators will be given a tour. 6.16 Walk the World:

	several events which promote PA during working days (and not only). In 2011 and 2012 free pedometers were offered to staff members who took part to the "Walk the World" activity.	http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/news/archive/2011/01/title-94706-en.html http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/hse/archive/2012/title-111488-en.html http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/news/archive/2012/01/title-111719-en.html
	Another example is provided by the charity event named "Aber870" which promotes PA among staff while at the same time raising money for the Welsh Air Ambulance. On the 23 rd of May representatives of the University including the Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Rhodri Llwyd Morgan had a photo shoot with the intent of promoting the event	6.17 Aber870 http://www.justgiving.com/ AberUni-PrifAber1 Example registration forms included in portfolio Picture: https://www.facebook.com/ photo.php?fbid=73954534 2764267&set=a.19108523 4276950.59216.19085126 4300347&type=1&theater Poster advert example attached
	We also encourage and promote participation to national initiatives such as Race for Life, Movember etc.	6.18 Race for Life Aberystwyth Event Web link: http://raceforlife.cancerres earchuk.org/choose-your- event/aberystwyth.html?ev ent=1567 6.19 Please also refer to section A point 2.0

			Decembers within the Creat	6.20
			Researchers within the Sport	
			and Exercise Science	Examples of emails
			Department are always	included in portfolio
			looking for people willing to	
			take part to both	
			undergraduate and	
			postgraduate research studies	
			which often involve performing	
			PA and/or exercise. Although it	
			can be thought that this	
			service may attract already	
			active individuals, this is not	
			always the case as often	
			studies involving exercise and	
			sedentary individuals are	
			carried out. Employees often	
			take advantages of the	
			opportunity to participate to	
			free of charge and supervised	
			exercise sessions and health	
			tests which take place within	
			the workplace.	
			the workplace.	
			There is a Staff Badminton	6.21
			Club which meets twice per	http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/s
			week. Service is free of charge	portscentre/health/fitandw
				ell/events/staffbadminton/
			and open to anyone	ell/events/stambadminton/
			The LIC corries out outrooch	C 22 Diagon refer to
			The HC carries out outreach	6.22 Please refer to
			classes. At the moment	section B point 1.3. Email
			lunchtime exercise classes are	example included
			being held in Gogerddan	
			Campus; however we are	
			looking to expand the provision	
			to Llanbadarn campus as well	
			and hopefully to the Old	
			college. The Sports centre has	
			already tried in the past to run	
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	 	and a physical and 40 to 1 at	
		some physical activities in both	
		Llanbadarn and the Old	
		College however these have	
		not been very successful. We	
		are trying to understand why	
		this happened and act	
		accordingly. A meeting between the HC and the	
		director of the Sports Centre frank Rowe will be held in June	
		2014.	
		2014.	
		Following a meeting the HC	6.23 Example of email
		held with some staff members	0.20 Example of email
		working in Llanbadarn campus	
		it was agreed to commence	
		two exercise classes that	
		would be held over the	
		summer period and hopefully	
		continued during teaching term	
		as well. The Institute manager	
		Adrian Harvey was contacted	
		and we are now trying to	
		progress this idea.	
		The HC provides basic M.O.T	6.24 Please refer to
		health checks, reports and	section B point 1.3
		consultations. Information with	
		regards to the beneficial	6.25 List of tests and
		effects of PA are provided	example of report
			included in portfolio