REF 2017/01

Some extracts from the REF2017/01 document:

Panel membership

- Applications for sub-panel chairs now open (closing date 12:00 11-Oct-17).
- Appointment to panels will take place over Autumn 17 / Winter 18.

Weightings

- Outputs 60%
- Impact 25%
- Environment 15%

Who

- Staff with 'significant responsibility for research defined as:
 - 'research only' or 'teaching & research';
 - independent researchers (not RAs unless exceptionally and demonstrably independent);
 - >= 0.2 FTE;
 - substantive connection to institution.

Outputs

- Number per staff not yet decided
- Consultation on mobility of outputs:
 - o Count at both institutions?
 - Allow limited number of outputs to transfer with staff?

Environment

- Will be more structured and will rely more heavily on quantitative data.
- Will include sections on (including others):
 - institutional environment;
 - equality & diversity;
 - o impact;
 - collaborative research (with organisations outside HE);
 - interdisciplinary research;
 - open research (i.e. open access looking for evidence of going beyond minimum requirements)

Impact

- Number of cases required not yet determined but overall load unlikely to increase significantly.
- Will provide guidance on 'reach and significance' and 'impact from public engagement'.
- 'Impacts on teaching' will be widened to include impacts both within as well as beyond the institution.
- Criteria:
 - must be claimed where the work was conducted;
 - the work must be at least 2* (but looking to extend to 'wider bodies of research' rather than relying on a single output);
 - o work must have happened between 1 Jan 00 and 31 Dec 20;
 - o impact must have happened between 1 Aug 13 and 31 Jul 20;
 - can build on previous cases but will be judged on new impact that was not judged in the last round.
- Impact case study template will be tightened up.
- Audit evidence will be required to back up any claims.