Queen Mary University of London's Gender Impact Plan

Our Athena Swan action plan, entitled the Gender Impact Plan, outlines the actions we be take taking over the next five years to ensure a positive impact on gender equality as identified our self-assessment process.

Actions are presented in order of priority and address the issues identified in the Institutional Athena Swan application.

The areas of the action plan are:

- Priority Area One: Investing in Gender Transformation and Catalysing Impact
- Priority Area Two: Improving career progression for academic staff
- Priority Area Three: Professional Services staff readdressing gender imbalance with PS Staff and improving career progression and development
- Priority Area Four: Improving intersectional interventions
- Priority Area Five: Student representation and experience
- Priority Area Six: Supporting Parents and Carers
- Priority Area Seven: Addressing Bullying, Harassment and Gender Based Violence
- Priority Area Eight: Delivering Broader Gender Equality
- Data collection, monitoring and analysis

Actions in grey are our flagship actions.

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1.1 Pg 21 Pg 47 Pg 62	Deliver our People, Culture & Inclusion Enabling Plan	 a) Evaluate monthly progress against our plan via PCIEP Steering Group. 	a) Monthly (ongoing)	VP PCI	Strategy Programme Board	2030 Strategy EDI KPIs for Junior: Middle: Senior grades
Pg 75 Pg 82 Pg 141 Pg 152	Our Mission, as outlined in our 2030 Strategy, is to be 'the most inclusive university of its kind, anywhere', where students and staff	 b) Provide accountability for delivery of PCIEP via governance (Strategic Programme Board and EDI Steering Group). c) Strengthen and update the 	 b) February 2022 then every six months (August and February) until mid-point check in 2025 		EDI Steering Group	By 2026 Representation of women: 53:50:45 Representation of BME staff:
	flourish, reach their full potential and are proud to be part of the University.	PCIEP as part of the annual planning round process (January), which reviews progress and approves priorities for forthcoming 12-18 months.	c) January 2023 (then annually)			43:37:33 By 2030 Representation of women: 50:50:50
	deliver our EDI KPIs around representation of women and BME staff.	 Appraise Council, our Governing Body, of progress on PCIEP bi- annually, including a deep dive in May each year and publication of our EDI annual report. 	d) Every six months			Representation of BME staff: 40:40:40

1.2 Pg 21 Pg 39 Pg 130 Pg 141 Pg 152	Invest in and grow our EDI Resource We are investing significant resource in meeting our mission – six figures over four years – to create a step change for our	a)	Recruit and on-board 6 new EDI team members including x 2 EDI Managers (Race and LGBTQA+/Disability), PCI Engagement Manager, x 2 EDI Officers to support Faculty AS action plans and an HR Workforce	a)	January 2022	Head of EDI	Strategy Programme Board PS Leadership Team	New starters on boarded by March 2022 and team capacity maintained across the period. Four new, intersectional strategies developed for Race,
	university in PCI. This includes resource to support faculties and PS engaging with the charter and intersectional, gender perspectives in all portfolios of EDI work.	b)	Analyst (EDI). Establish intersectional strategies for Race, LGBTQA+ and Disability inclusion ensuring that a gendered lens is taken in their development.	b)	March 2022			LGBTQA+, Disability and PCI Engagement by January 2023 with interdependencies reflected in GIP. 2500 staff and students engage with the delivery of GIP over its
		c)	Create a university-wide PCI Engagement Plan, including the development of new staff networks (gender and race).	c)	March 2022			lifespan. Embedding Values Project activity meets measures of success (reflected across GIP in
		d)	Embedding Values Project (£100,000 p.a. until 2024 to support delivery of these initiatives).	d)	Ongoing until 2024			more detail).

1.3 Pg 28 Pg 70 Pg 88 Pg 152	Achieve 100% Award coverage in academic schools Our self-assessment demonstrates the	 a) Identify AS lead there are not ex leads) and agree appropriate wor allocation for ne academic year 	kisting ee rkload ew	a) M	1ay 2022	EDI Manager Faculty VP and Executive Dean Humanities and Social Sciences	GEAG HSS EDI Committee	All schools to hold an AS award by 2024 All award holding schools (as 2021) to renew or upgrade their
	impact of the AS Framework on gender equity at a school and university level; our ambition is to increase	 b) Establish self-a teams where th already exist. 	ssessment	b) Jı	une 2022			awards.
	this impact and achieve total coverage and a greater proportion of silver awards. Our three outstanding Schools are in AHSSBL/HSS.	 c) Prepare and su AS applications schools. 		c) Jı	uly 2023			

1.4 Pg 28 Pg 75 Pg 77	Pilot AS in PS directorates Building on the success	a)	Identify and two PS directorates to pilot PTO applications.	a) June 2022	EDI Manager	GEAG PS Leadership	Successful bronze applications from pilot PS directorates
Pg 82 Pg 152	of our existing award- holders, QM will foster fresh and further	b)	Establish self-assessment teams.	b) September 2022		Team	Pilot PS directorates able to evidence progress against
	engagement with the framework and gender	c)	Submit applications	c) November 2023			identified gender issues by 2026 - baselines
	equality in our PS directorates.	d)	Buddy pilot PS directorates with other directorates and schools looking to progress their gender equality work.	d) June 2025			established as part of self-assessment
		e)	Identify and support other PS directorates to engage with AS.	e) June 2025			

1.5 Pg 28 Pg 75 Pg 77 Pg 82	Supporting schools and PS directorates through the AS Transformation process	a) b)	requirements and identify gaps in current dashboards. Create Toolkit for schools	a)	February 2022	EDI Manager	GEAG PCI Data and Analytics	All current award holding schools (80% of units) retain or elevate award status by 2026.
Pg 88 Pg 152	Queen Mary intends to capitalise on the		applying under the transformed AS Charter.	b)	June 2022		Group	First gold award (school level) at
	transformed charter to further support and engage our Schools and Directorates with gender equality, translating this to tangible impact for staff and students.	c)	Engage all school and PS directorate applications with internal review by a mock panel prior to submission to support their success.	c)	May 2022			university conferred by 2026.
1.6 Pg 141 Pg 149	Embed our Values into our strategic decision-making processes Equality analysis is an opportunity for us to live our values, particularly	a) b)	Undertake a mapping exercise for frameworks which currently or in the future could be utilised for embedding good practice and strategic decision making.	a) M	arch 2022	Head of EDI Chief Governance Officer and University Secretary	EDISG	Successful use of EIAs demonstrates equality considerations have been taken into account in decision- making processes' delivery/results.
	inclusive and ethical – QM will create a new strategic decision-	c)	Research models of best practice within HE and beyond.	b) Au	igust 2022			Feedback from leaders is predominantly positive and indicates
	making framework to support leaders to identify, discuss and act on issues of EDI and gender equality/impact confidently.	d) e)	Create a tailored framework.	c) Ja	nuary 2023			increased confidence in acting on issues of EDI. Feedback indicates an increased perception that QM values

		equality, diversity and
		inclusion; in 2019 Staff
		Survey 65% of staff
		agreed.

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2.1 Pg 28 Pg 47 Pg 72 Pg 101.	Enhancing academic promotions Promotion is an essential tool for QM increasing the number and percentage of women, both BME and White, and BME men in senior academic roles. Actions will build on work already established through the Academic Promotions Group, chaired by the Principal.	 a) Embed and expand practice of faculty review (promotions data by gender and ethnicity, annually). b) Deliver targeted promotions workshops (FSHRP) within each Faculty. c) Embed formal career reviews with academics after three- and five-years' continuous service in the role: Lecturers to have a formal review of their 'readiness for promotion' within 3 years after the date of their appointment/promotion, and all Senior Lecturers and Readers within 5 years following their previous promotion/appointment. d) Increase scrutiny at faculty level to ensure that reviews are being conducted 	 a) For promotions round 2022 b) October 2022 c) For promotions round 2022 d) For promotions round 2023 	Rewards and Benefits Manager (With OPD and FSHRP connected in)	Academic Promotions Group (University level)	 In line with our EDI KPI modelling: Increase women at senior grades (Grade 7 and 8) annually by +1.3% Increase BME staff at senior grades (Grade 7 and 8) annually +2.2% By end of 2026 target senior level is: 45.8% women 33.2% BME Feedback indicates an increased satisfaction with internal career progression for (women) academics; Staff Survey: in 2019 45% agreed "I feel supported at Queen Mary in my plans for my future development".

		 properly and meaningfully by schools and institutes, with particular attention given to opportunities to increase the gender and ethnic diversity of panels to ensure no staff are overlooked. e) Faculties confirm completion rates to Academic Promotions Group; and are required to explain any areas of non- completion, giving actions that will be taken and the date by which these will be completed. 	e) For promotions round 2024			
2.2 Pg 47 Pg 72	Ensuring QM's reward processes help to address pay gaps, improving equality and rewarding contribution that supports delivery of the University Strategy. Previous changes to the Rewards process resulted in a 0% median gender Bonus Pay Gap, to maintain	 a) Finalise evidence-based Pay Gap targets, which have been modelled based on QM's progress towards gender representation KPIs. b) Apply learning from the 2020/21 rewards scheme, including gendered analysis as part of wider EDI considerations. 	a) February 2022 b) January 2022	HR Director Rewards and Benefits Manager	Human Resources Leadership Team	HR are currently developing evidence- led targets for closing and addressing QM's gender and ethnicity pay gaps based on predictive analytic modelling based on our representation KPIs (represented by a); once complete, these metrics will be adopted as a success measure.

	 this and ensure further gendered impact further action is required across: Professorial Review. Professional Services grade 8 Review. Staff Bonus Scheme. 	 c) Apply professorial banding to inform pay increases for the Professoriate. d) Adopt a more consistent approach for determining appropriate pay increases for Professorial and PS grade 8 staff. 		Academic year 2021/22 Professorial and grade 8 Bonus Scheme			
2.3 Pg 59 Pg 65	Understand and mitigate longer term impact of Covid-19 for staff with research responsibilities Within the HE Sector there is recognition that the effects of Covid-19 will be longer reaching particularly related to research outputs. As a research-intensive university proactive steps are required to mitigate the possible long term gendered	 a) Implement gender equality to support research/researchers as an annual standing item at VP for Research Advisory Group. b) Run focused discussion events on gender equality at our Researchers' Forum. This will determine how this work is taken forward, including potential for additional women-only sessions and focus groups as needed. 	b)	January 2022 from February 2022	Executive Officer to the VP for Research and Innovation Executive Officer to the VP PCI	VP Research Advisory Group	Proportion of R-only staff by gender continues at 50% (+/- 5%) at all grades: Research-only was 53.2%F in 2020/21. Further actions identified and owned and monitored against target by VP Research Advisory Group
	effects.	 c) Undertake more in-depth analysis of gendered research data including: Mapping student/staff ratio to grant income. 	c)	September 2022- August 2023			

		d)	Analyse CEDARS intersectionally (gender/ethnicity).	d)	August-October 2023			
2.4 Pg 99	Mitigate gendered impact of Covid-19 for probationers Within the HE Sector there is recognition that women are more likely to have taken on additional work and domestic responsibilities during the pandemic. QM seeks to prevent this affecting new starters' probation and progression.	a) b) c)	Create new Probation Principles to mitigate impact of Covid-19 on probation processes. Consult with EDISG for feedback. Embed Values in Action around said processes.	,	March 2022 April 2022 Summer 2022	Executive Officer to the VP for Research and Innovation Executive Officer to VP PCI	EDISG	A year-on-year increase in staff responding positively to probationary (and appraisal) conversations, and identifying them as useful to their work goals and development (57% in 2019, Staff Survey; 61%F and 63%M, ASS21).

Priority	Area Three: Professional	Services staff - readdressing ge	ender imbalance with P	S Staff and improvir	ng career progre	ession and development
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			timeline details		oversight	
3.1 Pg 28 Pg 105	Establishing PS pathways for internal progression We are acting on staff feedback and our analysis to strengthen	 a) Establish baseline and benchmarking data to develop narrative around the data and communicate key messages to staff. b) Pilot related workshops 	a) January 2022 b) January 2022	Head of OPD	PS Career Developme nt Working Group	2030 Strategy EDI KPIs for Junior: Middle: Senior grades By 2026 Representation of women:
	and clarify progression routes for PS career families; our new PS Career Progression Working Group will consult with a wide cross	Leading and Supporting Career Development (for managers) and Introduction to career planning for PS (one year).				53:50:45 Representation of BME staff: 43:37:33
	section of the University, implement and evaluate interventions.	c) Create a tool to support PS staff develop their own career development plan with their line managers based on an understanding of the requirements to reach next grade.	c) June 2022			Feedback indicates an increased satisfaction with internal career progression for (women) PS staff; Staff Survey: in 2019 45% agreed "I feel supported at QM in my plans for my future development".
		 d) Investigate models for staff to gain required skills for progression (E.g. formalised secondments, apprenticeships). 	d) January 2023			

3.2 Pg 28 Pg 85 Pg 105 Pg 110	Delivering gender equality via our Technician Commitment The technician career family have particular gender-based issues pertinent to their careers,	 a) Revise technical structures to increase tailored support and celebrate technical staff contributions and career development in a more consistent manner. Including 2 x Chief Technician posts. 	a) January 2022	Chair of Technician Commitment Steering Group	TCSG	Chief Technician roles created in two schools. Candidates recruited that can fulfil role to support the development of technical staff and foster inclusion and diversity. Adverts to have
	development and progression; QM is applying a gender lens to our Technician Commitment to address specific issues identified and faced by this group.	 b) Employ greater positive action when recruiting technical roles in schools where there is evidence of underrepresentation of women. 	b) March 2022			appropriate wording and placement; increase in applications from women overall. Review complete. Proposals drawn up to
		c) Commission further analysis of technician posts grades 3-5 to understand where and why representation of women declines. Present recommended actions to address issues.	c) January 2022.			address any issues to be taken to TCSG.
		 d) Create and approve proposal for further action via TCSG. 	d) March 2022.			
3.3 Pg 28 Pg 109	Demystifying PS re- grading Our self-assessment raised ambiguities	Develop 'myth busting' crib sheet on re-grading focusing on the purpose of re-grading and the writing of effective fit for purpose job profiles.	January 2023	Reward & Benefits Manager	PS Career Developme nt Working Group	Reduce and close the gendered gap in re- grading success rates (44%F and 87%M, 2021) over the life of the plan.

	around our regrading processes and their purposes, with some exploiting this process as a method to progress (where others cannot). We are aiming to eliminate this practice and demystify legitimate cases for regrading.			HR Operations & Recruitment Manager		
3.4 Pg 28	Utilising apprenticeships to diversify talent Queen Mary have committed to making better use of our Apprenticeship Levy to support and develop talent – particularly to attract and retain women and ethnic minority	 a) Employ Apprenticeships in PS Career Development Working Group discussions. b) Utilise Apprenticeships to support the Technician Commitment. Supporting more women into technical roles. c) Establish the EDI data 	 a) January 2023 b) March 2022 c) Jan 2022 	Head of OPD Apprenticeship Lead	PS Career Developme nt Working Group	Menu of Leadership and Management options created to include existing Pathways to Leadership and Apprenticeship routes. An increase in the number of people taking up formal qualifications through apprenticeships.
	colleagues where these groups are under- represented.	 d) Commence regular reporting to EDI steering group to share good practice. 	d) April 2022			
			e) June 2022			

		 e) Mapping of apprenticeships to vocational career routes in multiple sectors and leadership/management. f) Create and deliver guidance for line managers and those in leadership positions on how apprenticeships can support career development. 	f) June 2022			
3.5 Pg 111 Pg 122	Understanding the training needs of our male staff Our self-assessment raised concerns that men are less likely to engage in training at Queen Mary, and that our existing offer is less likely to meet their needs. We are committing to further exploring these	 b) Run focus groups with men to identify why staff do or do not agree that they 	a) June 2023 b) September 2023	Chair of PS Carer Development Working Group Head of OPD	PS Carer Developme nt Working Group	A positive impact from men responding to: "I have received appropriate training and/or development to do my job" (ASS21) in future.
	concerns, with an evidence-led approach, to address inequities.	 c) Career Development Working Group develop additional actions to address training needs of male staff. 	Additional gendered actions added September 2023 onwards based on analysis and insight			

Priority	Area Four: Improving inter	sectional interventions				
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4.1 Pg 28 Pg 29 Pg 101 Pg 105	Supporting staff career progression with an intersectional approach Both gender and race equality are fundamental to QM achieving our mission; our self- assessment has detailed intersectional analysis and issues, particularly for BME women/men in their progression. We are committed to equality of opportunity for all and ensuring our BME colleagues benefit from our gender equality work as much as their white peers.	 a) Increase awareness and participation in B-MEntor programme, in the context of career development and progression, ahead of annual cycles. b) All schools and PS Directorates to nominate at least one mentor (of any ethnicity) to be involved in B-MEntor annually. c) Deliver a panel event at the start of the annual promotions round about the promotions experience from the perspective of BME staff, including BME women recently promoted to Grades 7 and 8 and BME men to Grade 8. d) Consult on barriers and support related to career progression with the Race 	 a) June 2022 b) November 2022 c) December 2022 d) February 2022 	EDI Manager Head of OPD	Gender Equality Action Group Race Equality Action Group	Year-on-year increase the % of BME women in academic roles from 9.7% Grade 7 and 5.9% Grade 8. Year-on-year increase the % of BME men in academic roles from 13.4% Grade 7 and 9.3% Grade 8. Year-on-year increase the % of BME women in PS from 12.1% Grade 6 12.1% Grade 7, 9.8% Grade 8. Year-on-year increase the % of BME men in PS from 12.8% Grade 6, 9.5% Grade 7 and 3.9% Grade 6. Qualitative feedback from BME women and BME men articulates increasing levels of support.

		 REAG working group on Career Progression for all career families (PS, technical and academic) e) Investigate the Springboard Navigators programmes, and similar, to specifically support BME men and other leadership initiatives that are specific to middle and senior BME staff. f) Research and scope alternate models to mentoring that might suit our diverse communities. 	e) January 2023 f) September 2023			
4.2 Pg 28 Pg 29	Diversifying recruitment of PS staff with an intersectional approach With a new e-recruitment platform (see action 9.4), QM will be able to embrace more innovative, inclusive recruitment and selection practices with intersectional impacts and approaches.	 a) Introduce gender neutral language tool to use as part creating job role and person specification. b) Create and publish "Spotlight Profiles" focused on staff who are underrepresented in their area. c) Establish and implement Inclusive Recruitment Advocates initiative which would create a pool of 	a) January 2023 b) January 2023 c) January 2023	Assistant Director of HR (Employment Services & Information) EDI Managers	GEAG REAG	Evidence of impact: Increasing the number of men applying for grades 1- 6; increase the number of BME men and BME women appointed – establishing two units as case studies via their EDI action plans. 2030 Strategy EDI KPIs for Junior: Middle: Senior grades

trained BME staff to (voluntarily) sit of recruitment panels. d) Pilot blind recruitment of PS staff, evaluate and roll out/identify other methods.	By 2026 Representation of women (and conversely men): 53:50:45 Representation of BME staff: 43:37:33
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5.1 Pg 31 Pg 32	Improve the gender balance of the student population in S&E S&E schools saw a reduction in the proportion women at UG and PGT levels as a result a greater growth in number of male student numbers.	 a) Run focused sessions with S&E's Faculty EDI committee focused on school recruitment data for UG and PGT. Reviewed annually. b) Identify key faculty level actions which are reviewed annually c) Analyse data above and beyond the requirements 	a) September 2022b) January 2023c) January 2023	Science and Engineering Faculty EDI Lead Faculty VP and Executive Dean Science and Engineering	Science and Engineering Faculty EDI Committee EDISG	 Improve gender balance of UG/PGT numbers for both men and women from: UG 39.0%F (n=4030) in 2020/21 PGT 30.9%F (n=282) in 2020/21
		for the Transformed AS application and ensure student recruitment (applications, offers and acceptances) remains a core piece of AS data for all QM School applications. (Undertaking more in- depth analysis to inform future actions will increase impact across all Schools).				
5.2 Pg 31	Tackle barriers to advancement (UG	a) Appoint an EDI Manager to lead on the operational	a) January 2022	EDI Manager	REAG	Increase in the proportion of BME women and men at PGT

	 □ PGR) for male and female BME students Our very diverse UG population (in 2020/21: 35.8% BME women; 14.6% white women; 39.0% BME men; and 10.7% white men) sees a decline in the proportion of BME students at each successive level of study (PGR in 2020/21 was: 23.5% BME women; 26.4% white women; 23.0% BME men and 27.1% white men). We are aiming to increase advancement of BME students throughout levels of study and address barriers to their learning. 	 delivery of the Race Equality Charter. b) Undertake in-depth, intersectional analysis of gender and ethnicity at student levels as part of Race Equality Charter assessment. c) Ensure interdependencies with Race Equality Impact Plan are reflected in GIP. 	b) January 2023 c) January 2024			and PGR in line with their white peers. Intersectional action created and added to GIP. Qualitative feedback from senior leadership indicates clear understanding of measure to prevent the decline in BME men and women at PGT and PGR.
5.3 Pg 32	Eliminate gender disparities in student satisfaction	Embed strategic initiatives in the Education EP to further develop student engagement, improve learning spaces, and review approaches to assessment and feedback.	Ongoing work from January 2021	VP Education	Education and Student Experience Advisory Team	Achieve a year-on-year reduction, and close, the gender satisfaction gap for student experience. See rationale for baseline.
5.4 Pg 31	Further embed our inclusive curriculum framework	 a) Create and publish a number of case studies on embedding diversity and inclusion into the 	a) January 2022	Director of QMA	Inclusive Curriculum Working Group	At least 8 case studies from 8 academic disciplines (across our

	Gender equality is vital to equality in learning and teaching; QMA supports our academics and educators, assisting them to address issues of inequity in the curricula and make learning and teaching inclusive of our	 curriculum, with specific examples around gender. b) Create, pilot and develop a workshop for educators to engage with inclusive learning and teaching and inform their practice. 	b) Septer	nber 2024			faculties) are drafted and published. Deliver four sessions of our new Inclusive Learning & Teaching workshop (one pilot, and one per faculty).
	diverse learners	 c) Review impact of Inclusive Curriculum project through a gendered lens. 	c) March	2025			
5.5 Pg 31	Increase the number of women in underrepresented areas via positive action	a) Assess impact of DeepMind and similar scholarships.	a) Septen	nber 2023	EDI Manager Science and Engineering EDI	REAG Science and	Improve the number and percentage of women in underrepresented areas.
	Build on previously introduced positive action scholarships, e.g. the DeepMind Scholarships for women and/or black students.	 b) Identify key areas which could utilise positive action to improve the gender diversity of students. 	b) Septen	nber 2024	Faculty Officer	Engineering Faculty EDI Committee	

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6.1 Pg 127 Pg 133	Refreshing parental leave policy suite and streamline communication Support of P&Cs is a core	 a) Phased review and update our family-friendly HR policies (with policies reviewed at least every 3 years thereafter). 	a) January 2022	Head of HR Partnering and Policy	HR Leadership Team (GEAG)	Database of policies created with previous and next review dates included Annual update provided as part of review of HR risk
	issue of gender equality at QM, the distribution of care is a gendered issue we can seek to influence and address, whilst mitigating the impact of caring on careers. We are committed to carefully reviewing our policy suite to ensure it fully embraces our values and level of ambition around inclusion.	 b) Synthesise key family- friendly policy messages, highlight and publish these on the HR webpages and via PCIEP. 	b) April 2022			register 100% of policies reviewed and updated as needed within 3 years Over 90% of staff surveyed agree that information on parental leave is easy to understand.
6.2 Pg 131	Build on schools' good practice of Returners' Schemes A number of our schools have developed good practice, impactful	a) Consult with all schools currently operating a Returners' Scheme to identify different models, commonality, and learning.	a) June 2024	FSHRPs EDI Manager	GEAG (P&CN)	Increase in the percentage of women agreeing that they have been given adequate support to attend career development opportunities. In 2020:
	schemes for returners following 3 months', or more, on leave. We will synthesise good practice	 b) Create resource for schools looking to implement a Returners' Scheme 	b) September 2024			72.3% of women disagreed or strongly agreed with I was offered additional research time or

	models from these schemes and support more schools to implement.	c) Identify and pilot Returners' Schemes in additional schools, including a Buddy Scheme with experienced Schools.	c) January 2025			reduction in teaching/administrative work to focus on research upon returning from a period of extended leave (3 months or more). 61.2% of academic women (40.0% academic men) disagreed or strongly agreed with I have been given adequate support to attend career development opportunities (e.g. events, conferences) that I would otherwise not have been able to attend due to caring responsibilities. Continued improvement of staff retention 18 months post return; falling no lower than 80%.
6.3 Pg 129	Commission new research into innovative enhancements QMUL can make for parents We are ambitious in our outlook and want to establish QM as an employer of choice for parents in HE. We will	 a) Identify innovative models for enhancing family friendly leave policies. E.g. Day one enhanced maternity rights, Enhancing Paternity and Shared Parental Leave. 	a) September 2022 b) January 2023	EDI Manager VP PCI	GEAG (P&CN)	Establish baselines in relation to level of satisfaction with leave provisions, rather than information, advice and guidance. Enhance and improve satisfaction based on this baseline and consultation.

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explore various proposals	b) Analyse the potential		
for enhancing our offer	impact and benefit to staff		
and making it as	at QMUL.	c) May 2023	
competitive as we can to		, ,	
support our staff parents.	c) Undertake in-depth		
	consultation with staff on		
	current parental leave		
	provision, ensuring that		
	staff who have taken		
	maternity, adoption,		
	shared parental and/or		
	paternity leave in the last		
	5 years are contacted		
	directly to be involved.	d) October 2023	
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	d) Produce a research		
	paper with 3-5 proposed		
	models of enhanced		
	parental leave that Queen		
	Mary could implement to		
	further enhance the		
	current offer.	e) January 2024	
	e) Research paper		
	presented to SET, for		
	decision (and other		
	committees for		
	investment).	f) March 2024	
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	f) Implement		
	recommendations.	g) March 2024	
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		 g) Develop guidance and training for managers with Schools and PS directorates on how backfill is funded. 			0540	
6.4 Pg 130.	Expanding our tailored spaces for expressing milk In line with our ambition to be an employer/university	a) Complete pilot of new Breastfeeding and Expressing Rooms in Queen's building and Dept W (x 2).	a) March 2022	EDI Manager Head of Student Wellbeing	GEAG Accessibility Steering Group	Staff surveying shows: >50% positive feedback by 2023. >70% positive feedback by 2025.
	of choice for women returning from maternity leave to work or study, we want to provide additional Breastfeeding and	 b) Review use of Breastfeeding and Expressing Space after one year of use. 	b) September 2022			
	Expressing Rooms. We are piloting this provision across two campuses and will scale this provision up based on our evaluation.	 c) Review and update policy in light of pilot and feedback and identify new spaces as necessary (increasing coverage across campuses, or in line with demand). 	c) December 2022			
		 d) Review use of the effectiveness of Breastfeeding and Expressing Spaces every two years. 	d) December 2024 and 2026			
6.5 Pg 138	Enhance and build engagement with the P&CN	a) Consult with current members of P&CN on what has/has not worked. This may include	a) May 2022	PCI Engagement Manager	GEAG (P&CN)	Achieve 80% of staff identifying as parents and/or carers aware of the network.

	With additional, dedicated support (via PCI Engagement Manager) we are hoping to grow and foster engagement with our P&CNso that staff voice can shape our work across this plan.	b) c) d)	establishing a separate network or sub-groups for carers, as identified in the carers focus groups (September 2021). Formalise network(s) with Chairs, committee and Terms of Reference. Annual budget provided via the PCI Enabling plan. Run at least one event each Semester.	b) c) d)	October 2022 February 2022 January 2023			P&CS21: 62.7% academic men, 61.4% academic women, 69.0% PS men and 49.2% PS women were not aware of the P&CN. Staff engaged with the network report it enhances their experience – feedback from P&C disaggregated.
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6.6 Pg 139	Providing tailored support to carers Our P&CS21 identified a knowledge gap around the	a)	Present and agree a definition of carer at EDISG to be used throughout communications and policies relating to carers.	a)	September 2022	EDI Manager Head of EDI	GEAG (P&CN)	Qualitative and quantitative data via pulse survey shows carers experience in increase in support since 2021: 72.3% of women
	needs of carers, as a result we ran focus groups in September 2021. This	b)	Create and pilot Carers' Passport.	b)	January 2023			disagreed or strongly agreed with I was offered additional research time or
	culminated the Carers' Report 2021 which proposed several recommendations for action.	c)	Identify Carers' Champions that can act as first point of contact for advice and guidance.	c)	January 2023			reduction in teaching/administrative work to focus on research upon returning from a period of extended leave
		d)	Work with members of the P&CN to scope content to be included on dedicated	d)	March 2023			(3 months or more).

	The majority of staff identifying as carers in the P&Cs' survey and who took part in the focus groups were women.	e)	page for carers – this is to sit in the new EDI website structure. Member of SET to be first Institutional Carers' Champion.	e)	June 2023			61.2% of academic women (40.0% academic men) disagreed or strongly agreed with I have been given adequate support to attend career development opportunities (e.g. events, conferences) that I would otherwise not have been able to attend due to caring responsibilities.
6.7 Pg 139	Supporting student P&C Feedback from the QMSU and GEAG representatives identified the need to provide more tailored support student P&Cs.	a)	Run focus groups, separated by level of study (UG, PGT and PGR), on students' experiences of being a student parent and/or career.	a)	May 2022	EDI Manager EDI Officer QMSU	GEAG (SU Executive)	Additional actions developed and implemented to support student parents and carers, based on consultation and student voice.
		b)	Explore how our comparators are tackling improving maternity rights and provisions for PGRs and create a University-wide model of support.	b)	August 2023			
		c)	Create baselines prior to implementation of support model.	c)	October 2024			

Priority	Area Seven: Addressing B	ullying, Harassment and Gende	er Based Violence			
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Page #			start dates and other		providing	
			timeline details		oversight	
7.1	Establish a one	a) Establish working groups	a) May 2022	Chair of PASHM	PASHM	Meet and exceed OfS'
Pg 144	university approach to	and actions for working			Working	statement of
	the prevention of	groups' initial key priority		Project Manager:	Group	expectations in this
	harassment, sexual	areas:		Tackling Sexual		space.
	misconduct and gender-	i. the importance of		Violence,		
	based violence	adopting a person-		Harassment and		By 2026 less than 10%
		centred approach to		Hate Crime		of staff, in all groups,
	Data from Report +	build trust in our				agreeing that they have
	Support has highlighted a need for increased focus	processes and				witnessed/experience
		encourage people to				bullying and/or
	on sexual harassment,	come forward for				harassment in the last 12 months.
	particularly within the student body.	support ii. establish baseline				monuis.
	Student body.	data so that we can				
	Through our governance	measure change and				
	committees we have	the impact of our				
	mapped our actions	policies and				
	against the Office for	processes				
	Students' Statement of	iii. ensure consistent				
	Expectations, and are	language and				
	applying these standards	terminology across				
	and much more, to	all our policies,				
	prevent and intervene in	aligning existing and				
	instances of harassment	new policies, to				
	and misconduct.	avoid conflicting				
		language across our				
		processes that cause				
		confusion or that				
		could undermine the				

hotspot surrour	and incident ots, and in inding areas, explore how
local Po Tower	
business for pursuant wit Students' St Expectation	or the group, hith Office for Statement of

		key achievements and				
		challenges				
7.2 Pg 145	Piloting Culture and Values review QM's Values and our culture are important to us; we have committed to piloting environmental investigations based on disclosures, casework and	a) Pilot Culture and Values review, environmental investigation framework, based on allegations/disclosures from Report + Support and formal complaints to HR.	a) May 2023	Head of HR Partnering and Policy	HR Leadership Team	By 2026 less than 10% of staff, in all groups, agreeing that they have witnessed/experienced bullying and/or harassment in the last 12 months. At least two pilot
	insights, preserving confidentiality and adhering fully with GDPR and other relevant legislation. This will	 b) Review this pilot and report recommendations to EDISG. c) Roll out amended Culture 	b) May 2024			investigations led, with constructive local recommendations made and implemented.
	expand our toolkit and options when addressing negative behaviours, including sexual harassment and gender- based violence.	and Values review process.	c) October 2025			
7.3 Pg 145	Increase staff familiarity with our process to report Bullying and Harassment Our self-assessment illustrated how unfamiliar staff (particularly academics) are with our reporting pathways; we	a) Ensure that recently implemented initiatives (e.g. Report + Support, Dignity and Respect Champions, etc.) are providing clear and consistent guidance and are learning from sector good practice.	a) April 2022	Head of EDI	PASHM Working Group	A 50% reduction in the number of staff who do not know how to report bullying and harassment if they witness it or experience it by the end of the plan (20% academic staff; 15% PSS) by January 2026.
	will initiate a campaign to		b) January 2023			Currently, 41.1% of

	increase confidence and familiarity with our processes.	 b) Develop a targeted campaign, supported by PASHM, to ensure all staff and students understand what is meant by the terms bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct and GBV and know how to report it and how to get support. c) Repeat campaign on a biennial basis. d) Embed information on the campaign how staff can find out more about tackling Bullying, Harassment, GBV and Culture of machoism into induction. 	c) January 2025 d) May 2022			academic women, 43.0% of academic men, 27.0% of PS women and 28.6% of PS men in the 2021 Athena Swan survey did not know how to report bullying and harassment if they witnessed it or experienced it.
7.4 Pg 145	Demonstrating senior commitment to address bullying and harassment Whilst everyone plays a role in creating a positive environment where all can thrive, leaders do especially.	 a) All schools, institutes and PS directorates report to EDISG on their progress tackling bullying and harassment annually. b) Appoint a SET Champion for Tackling Bullying, Harassment and GBV to raise the profile of the work being done. 		VP PCI Head of EDI	EDISG Local EDI Committees	By 2026 less than 10% of staff, in all groups, agreeing that they have witnessed/experienced bullying and/or harassment in the last 12 months.

	We are committed to building the visibility and profile of our existing work to tackle bullying and harassment, with our leadership at the fore.	c)	80% of local actions addressing bullying and harassment are delivere against EDI action plans	ed	c) July 2025			
7.5 Pg 145	Working collectively across UK medical schools to address sexual and gender- based violence Instances of sexual and gender-based violence have long-term and negative impacts on health and wellbeing of individuals and populations. Our Medical School will raise the profile of sexual and gender- based violence with our student doctors and support them to recognise and treat individuals who experience sexual and gender-based violence. We will leverage our influence to bring our peers and other Medical Schools with us.	a) b) to:	Academic Lead in establishing a charter for Medical Schools. Liaise and contribute	e ss co es	January 2022	SMD EDI Academic Lead	SMD EDI Committee EDISG	National charter established with QM as a founding institution.

gender-based violence. v. Ensure that appropriate content and training related to the individual and public health issues associated with sexual harassment and assault is included in medical school curricula. vi. Identify and embed essential content
within the medical undergraduate curriculum.

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8.1 Pg 114 Pg 123	Embed inclusive practices through learning and development In 2021 we launched mandatory EDI training for	 a) Adopt additional drivers for completion of 'Introducing Inclusion' across the staff lifecycle, e.g. probation, promotion, recognition and reward. b) Baccorch and develop a 	a) February 2022	Head of EDI	SET (EDISG)	Introducing Inclusion completion rate increased from 48.8% of women and 33.4% of men for academic staff and 60.1% of women and 58.2% of men for
	all staff, 'Introducing k Inclusion', to instil inclusion fundamentals across our workforce. This course is our starting point, to augment an ambitious, comprehensive EDI Learning and Development Curricula based on our workforce's development needs and	 b) Research and develop a new, ambitious learning and development EDI Curricula which will be open to all staff - building from fundamentals laid out in 'Introducing Inclusion', staff should be able to chart and plan their development with EDI. 	b) March 2022			Professional services staff to >85% (accounting for long term absences) of all staff with no gender difference by 2025. Two new modules to be launched per year (2022 – 2024); with metrics developed as they are designed.
		c) Implement modular sessions based on our learning needs assessment to build expertise around our strategic priorities, introducing two new modules a year (up to 2024).	c) August 2022			New curricula is established with an evaluation framework – metrics to be added in due course.

8.2 Pg 69 Pg 73 Pg 149	Enhance and embed flexible working including ensuring needs of part-time staff are met The NWOWG led us	a)	Revise flexible working policy and associated training for managers to understand how to introduce flexible working in a positive way.	a)	June 2022	HR Director EDI Manager	HR Leadership Team	Improve positive responses and remove gendered difference to the question "as long as I get the job done, I have the freedom to work in a way that suits
	through rapid change during the pandemic, we will take forward their learning and ensure the needs of our staff are met. Women staff are more likely to work part-time,	b)	Finalisation and promotion of Special Leave policy to support dealing with emergency situations and balance caring responsibilities.	b)	May 2022			me". Athena Swan survey 2021 24.7% PS, 14.2% academic women compared to 10.2% of PS men and 11.4% of academic men disagreed or
	and surveys showed they were also more likely to request flexible working; we will strengthen policies	c)	Promotion of carers' interests – carer's rights day, annually.	c)	November			strongly disagreed with the statement. Qualitative data reports
	to support all staff.	d)	Hold focus groups to better understand rationale for more women reporting issues with workload mitigating against or preventing flexible working.	d)	May 2022			that women are not reporting issues with workload and flexible work. Athena Swan Survey 2021 18.5% of women and 7.6% of men reported issue with workload.
8.3 Pg 157	Supporting trans staff and students Building on the foundations laid thus far and listening to the feedback from our	a)	Develop suite of Trans Inclusion Guidance for staff and students outlining information on how to update/changes records and communicate	a)	February-April 2022	EDI Manger	LGBTQA+ Action Group	Focus groups a year after publication of suite of Trans Inclusion Guidance to assess the experience of using the suite of guidance. Target is that 80% of

university community we aspire to provide further support and guidance to students, staff, HR staff and line managers around trans inclusion.	 support available. Documents include: Trans Inclusion Guidance for Staff. Trans Inclusion Guidance for Students. iii. Trans Inclusion for Staff Supporting Students. iv. Trans Inclusion Guidance for Line Managers and HR. b) Ensure cross representation on LGBTQA+ Action Group and GEAG to align work across groups and charter marks ensuring reflection of intersectionality. 	b) Academic year 2022/23	participants indicate that they found the guidance helpful and fit for purpose. Our strategies align with leading employers across different sectors to model truly values- led inclusive policy and practice to support staff who are transitioning. To be sector leading in promulgating a values- led approach which creates a truly inclusive environment and culture.
	c) Successfully develop a suite of inclusive policy, practice and systems enhancements to foster an inclusive environment for our Trans staff and students consistent with our values	c) August 2022	

		d)	Review signage to ensure inclusive toilet facilities are available to meet the needs of our whole community and consult with Queen Mary community on their implementation.	d)	January 2023			
		e)	Review and propose formal commitment to provide inclusive toilet facilities in all new builds, procured buildings or refurbished buildings.	e)	August 2023			
8.4 Pg 138	Build on the positive experiences of our onsite nursery The Westfield nursery	a)	Consult with nursery used and those on waiting list about preferred opening hours.	a)	Sept-Nov 2023	Assistant Director of EAF (Commercial Director)	Professiona I Services EDISG GEAG	Feedback from nursey users predominantly will be positive in relations to: • Opening hours.
	spectacular asset to the QMUL community".	b)	Consider pilot extended opening hours.	b)	January 2025			 Physical space for nursey.
	It is important we build on this positive asset as the P&CS21 identified that 52.4% of academics and 75.0% of PS using the nursery were women.	c)	Undertake scoping exercise to identify space, in future Capital Projects, for an expansion of nursery and develop proposal.	c)	January 2025 - June 2026			Opportunities for ways in which to further utilise the nursery identified and proposed to be taken forward in lifetime of subsequently Athena Swan award (2026 onwards).

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9.1 Pg 40	Ensuring regular monitoring and reporting on Athena Swan Action Plan A strong, effective project management approach	 a) Establish GEAG sub-group Gender Impact Plan Implementation Group who will meet three times a year. b) Action plan update to 	a) January 2022 b) Annually from April	EDI Manager	EDISG	GIP Implementation Group established and (annual) reporting provided to: a) Council b) SET c) Senate
	and methodology will support QM to get the	GEAG annually.	2023			d) EDISG e) GEAG
	most from our GIP. This is a living document which will be reviewed annually, in line with governance, and in light of fresh insight gained through our staff and student voice.	c) Annual update provided to EDISG, SET and Council on the progress of the Action Plan.	c) Annually from April 2023			
9.2 Pg 141	Create catalysts for effective intersectional analysis Disclosure rates are high for sex (100%) and ethnicity (97.6%) but the	a) Run campaign to increase disclosure rates from staff with regard to disabilities, sexual orientation and gender to allow for further intersectional analysis.	a) September-December 2022	EDI Managers EDI Faculty Officers	PCI Data and Analytics Working Group	Achieve a year-on- year increase in disclosure rates of staff equal opportunities details via MyHR.
	same cannot be said for disability (4.3% declared) and sexual orientation (61.3% declaration provided). This	b) Conduct annual joint meetings of Gender Equality Action Group and Race Equality Action Group and EDISG	b) From academic year 2022/23			At least 3 Schools are undertaking intersectional undertaking intersectional analysis

	strengthened insight will drive our intersectional gender equality work.	c) d)	focusing on intersectional data. Deliver workshops with Faculty EDI Committees on how to review their data in an intersectional away. Develop Toolkit, with	c)	January-May 2023			as part of their annual EDI action plan reporting to EDISG by June 2023. Survey of EDI committees reports the majority understand report are
		-,	support from PCI Data and Analytics working group, enabling Schools and Directorates to analyse and understand their intersectional data.	d)	Summer 2023			considering intersectionality in their EDI work.
		e)	Present paper on the reporting against EDI KPIs intersectionally at EDISG for debate and advice.	e)	January 2024			
9.3	Undertake intersectional	a)	,	a)	March 2022	EDI Manager	PCI Data and	Annual Intersectional
Pg 72 Pg 125	Pay Gap Reporting		intersectional (gender and ethnicity) pay gap data.	b)	April 2022	Rewards and Benefits Manager	Analytics Working	(gender and ethnicity) pay gap report included as standard
	Since 2017 we have published our statutory gender pay gap report and from 2018 we included	b)	Present intersectional (gender and ethnicity) pay gap report findings to EDISG and SET.	c)	October 2022 and then annual		Group	from 2022 onwards. Interdependencies reflected in GIP actions.
	reporting on our ethnicity pay gap, however, we have not previously taken	c)	Include reporting in EDI Annual reports.					

	an intersectional approach (gender and ethnicity). (see also 2.2)							See 2.2 for further metrics around closing pay gaps.
9.4 Pg 95 Pg 109	Procure and implement new e-recruitment system	a)	Procure, implement and launch a new e-recruitment solution.	a)	Present - October 2022	Assistant Director of HR (Employment Services &	PS Steering Group (overseeing the PS EP)	2030 Strategy EDI KPIs for Junior: Middle: Senior grades
	An end-to-end recruitment process review showed that the current system is not able to meet the University's requirements going forward, this included the effective	b)	Develop reports and analytics to aid our understanding of candidate pipelines and begin to address what the evidence is showing us.	b)	October 2022 – March 2023	Information)		By 2026 Representation of women: 53:50:45 Representation of BME staff:
	monitoring and reporting of gender and ethnicity balance on recruitment panels and the ability to	c)	Develop a report on panel composition and highlight any areas of concern.	c)	October 2022 – March 2023			43:37:33 By 2030 Representation of
	undertake a number of positive action measures in relation to gender.	d)	Monitor the take-up and effective of our Equal Merit process.	d)	January – June 2023			women: 50:50:50 Representation of BME staff: 40:40:40 Additionally, GEAG report: • Improved reporting capability, helping us to understand more about the

						 diversity profiles of our applicants, shortlisted applicants and hired employees, and to act accordingly. The introduction of blind shortlisting capability through the new system. Effective monitoring of representative interview panel composition, e.g., a gender- balanced panel. The ability to apply our Equal Merit process at shortlisting stage.
9.5 Pg 99 Pg 111	Improve recording and monitoring training data	a) Procure and launch a new MS.	a) Present-August 2022	Head of OPD	HR Leadership Team	OPD have begun the procurement process for our LMS; once a
Pg 121	Lack of quality data on training is a barrier to understand gendered and	 b) Create first report which includes data on gender and ethnicity to established 	b) December 2022			suitable product has been procured and implemented metrics
	intersectional issues.	baselines.	c) August 2023 (then			will be identified.
		c) Production of annual reports to explore	annually)			

		,	to Leadership programmes to be conducted annually to include breakdown by gender.		August 2023 (then annually)			
9.6 Pg 118 Pg 124	Develop a more nuanced understanding of appraisals Reporting for the Athena Swan application identified that it was not possible for satisfaction with appraisal to be cross referenced with gender (or other protected characteristics) and the effects of the revised appraisal (2020) cannot yet be identified. Additionally the 2021 Athena Swan Survey showed: • A gendered difference with an increasing number of men agreeing that their last	a) b)	Uptake of appraisal to be analysed by gender and ethnicity, as a minimum, as part of EDI annual data reporting with any differences escalated to appropriate committee (EDISG, GEAG, REAG, etc.). Review staff feedback by gender and ethnicity on an ongoing basis to identify if they are trend.	,	December 2022 August 2023	Head of OPD	HR Leadership Team	OPD have begun to explore options for intersectional analysis within our existing e- appraisal system; based on functionality, metrics will be identified. Achieve a year-on- year increase in response to: "My last appraisal/probationary meeting provided me with useful work goals and personal development goals" (57% of staff agreed in 2019, Staff Survey).

	 appraisal/probationar y meeting provided them with useful work goals and personal development goals compared to women. That BME staff, both men and women, were more likely to have a positive experience. 							
9.7 Pg 45	Embed continuous scrutiny around use of Fixed Term Contracts 12 months on from SET we have introduced a temporary tiered recruitment governance process (June 2020) applying the learning from this process to a new devolved system, incorporating the same level of rigour, with responsibility delegated to faculties and PS directorates. The new process ensures that where new or extensions to FTCs are requested, there is appropriate	a) b)	Review and Update the QM Code of Practice for Reviewing FTCs. Provide training and coaching of managers about fixed term contract policies and practices, including appropriate use of objective justifications, the correct management of the ending of fixed term contracts and the appropriate management of permanency requests. Provide on-going monitoring of data trends.	b)	March 2022 Training and coaching: on-going From academic year 2021/22	Assistant Director of HR (Organisational Effectiveness)	HR Leadership Team	Academic staff: Close gender disparity between M/F on FTCs 56.1%F on FTCs and 51.4%M (2021) and maintain <0.5%p margin. PS: Close gender disparity between M/F on FTCs 27.7%F on FTCs and 19.3%M (2021) and maintain <0.5%p margin.

scrutiny of the reason for			
the fixed term. This new			
process must include on-			
going training and			
monitoring.			