Dear Rosemary

The Wakeham Review of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Degree Provision and Graduate Employability

I am writing to firstly thank you, and the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine, for your contribution to my review which has looked at the graduate employment outcomes of STEM graduates. Publication of the final report is likely to take place week-commencing 25 April – Monday 25 April is the most likely date.

I am also writing to highlight that the review recommends that some consideration is made about the employment outcomes of Biomedical Engineering graduates. The evidence we gathered during the review, including our analysis of the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey, together with responses to our stakeholder survey, indicates that some problems may exist. I therefore recommend that further conversations are convened between the relevant industrial representatives, professional bodies, and HE providers for Biomedical Engineering. This engagement should seek to determine whether concerns that have been raised with the review are real and valid and whether additional effort is required to address specific issues in more depth. Along with the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine, I suggest that a group of bodies to discuss these issues might include: Universities UK (UUK); the Institution of Mechanical Engineers; the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET); Cogent; the UK BioIndustry Association, Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) and EEF.
I am attaching a final copy of the Report which is embargoed until BIS confirms publication. I hope that you and the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine feel able to support the final recommendations and it would be particularly helpful if you were able to disseminate the Report – once published –through your wider networks.

With very best wishes

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