Advisory visits

Definition: To prepare HEIs for an accreditation visit and to increase the likelihood of success for HEIs without currently accredited degrees.

Trigger: ADAMS (following Initial request and review process) or at the request of the Department.

Protocol:
- For departments:
  - new to accreditation
  - whose accreditation has lapsed for 2 or more years
  - who have undergone significant changes since their last accreditation visit
  - who are seeking accreditation at a new level.
- The output from an advisory visit is a report recommending:
  - Whether the programmes are accreditable
  - If yes, then in what timeframe
  - Also what actions the Department needs to take in order to prepare for accreditation
- May result in the HEI seeking an accreditation visit
- The information required to undertake this review is defined in ADAMS.

Supporting Documentation:
- Accreditation Information Pack (PA B 30)
- Submission Guidance
- REPORT_AdvVisit (PA B 18)
- If full Advisory Visit is not appropriate we have an alternative procedure called Accreditation Consultation (see PA B 2a and PA B 2b)

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