

Policy on Supervision for Postgraduate Research Degrees

1. **Section 3.1b** - amended following a request from the University's Teaching and Learning Group (TLG) to exceptionally allow staff on an academic teaching contract who are undertaking pedagogic research to request permission to act as main supervisor. The following amendments were approved by MDC in September 2016.

"Members of staff appointed as a main supervisor or co-supervisor should be full-time or part-time employees of the University, except where the member of staff is on an honorary contract and a member of an NHS Trust. Any member of staff who is still under probation, who is currently registered for a higher degree of any University, a visiting professor, a visiting fellow, a retired member of University staff, practising researchers on a ~~teaching focussed / teaching and scholarship contract~~ **an Academic Teaching** contract or an Emeritus professor will not be appointed as main supervisor but may be appointed as another member of the supervisory team." **Where staff employed on an Academic Teaching contract are undertaking pedagogic research and have an established track record in their field evidenced by publications, grants or external funding and a supportive research environment, a case for exceptional appointment as main supervisor may be put forward for consideration and approval to the relevant Associate Dean for Postgraduate Research.**