Examiners’ Independent Report:

MPhil/PhD Health Psychology Research & Professional Practice

Portfolio of Competence

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In advance of the *viva voce*, and without consultation with other examiners, all members of the examining team are required to conduct an initial assessment of the portfolio of competence which is to be examined and to complete the *Examiner’s Independent Report*. Although the independent report is not usually shared with the research student, examiners should note that, in the event of a request through the Freedom of Information of Act or from the Office of the Independent Adjudicator, the research student may access all documentation and email communications relating to their examination.

The completed report should be returned to the Doctoral College (Faculty) Team, Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences, Highfield, Southampton, SO17 1BJ (email fels-gradschool@soton.ac.uk). This should be **not less than 5 working days** before the data of the *viva voce*.

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| Name of research student |  |
| Date of *viva voce* |  |
| Title of thesis |  |
| This report refers to the submission of a revised portfolio or an additional *viva voce* | Yes󠄀 󠄀󠄀 | No󠄀 󠄀󠄀 |

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| The report should include a brief description of the work carried out by the candidate, its strengths and weaknesses, and should relate the work to the wider context of the candidate’s chosen field of research. Examiners may wish to use the report to:* consider whether the candidate has demonstrated a broad knowledge and understanding of their discipline and its associated research technique;
* assess whether the candidate has applied the techniques, as appropriate, to their portfolio;
* comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the portfolio;
* highlight any particular issues that the examiner would like to draw out in the *viva voce*.
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