OUR COVID RESPONSE

Throughout the pandemic, UUK has organised and prioritised work focusing on gathering evidence and arguments from members and stakeholders, liaising with UK government policy leads, media relations and communications leads, 90+ email responses secured, 81 briefing calls arranged and attended, 126 oral and written questions asked in parliament, 2020-21

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

Discussion outcomes include: • Discussed issues of concern to members with at least one shadow minister and member of government • Helped to influence government decisions on key Covid-issues affecting universities • Influenced the regulatory landscape • Influenced government decisions on the return of students to campus following the start of the academic year and the UK to apply for the Graduate route in the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill. • Identified and addressed Covid related workstreams achieving a range of outcomes for members. • Gathered compelling evidence of channels and activities supporting strengthening and participation. 

OUR WORK:

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Placing universities at the heart of the UK’s economic and social recovery

The Covid-19 crisis has been a dominant theme throughout 2020-21 with the universities UK over the last 12 months. Despite Covid-19, UUK has made significant progress across a wide range of other policy areas including issues relating to admissions reform, quality, research, racial harassment and guidance on international student behaviours and college leaders, sharing sector as well as national data. • Influenced government decisions on the return of students to campus following the start of the academic year and the UK to apply for the Graduate route in the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill.