6. What quality and compliance measures should be in place when approving certifying and issuing a framework, this includes ensuring the appropriate qualifications are included?

Advice on compliance of frameworks with the Equality Act 2010 could be included within the remit of the WAAB. We believe there needs to be at least one expert on WAAB’s panel that can advise on the accessibility of any new framework to disabled people.

9. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

We would like to see reference within the proposals to ensuring the frameworks are fair and promote equality of opportunity for disabled people. In the development of new frameworks we expect the Welsh Government to ensure there is sufficient oversight of framework development to ensure disabled people are not unfairly prevented from starting or completing an apprenticeship.

We were pleased to be involved in the development of the Welsh Government’s Disability Action plan for apprenticeships which makes a recommendation on introducing flexibility with entry and exit criteria for apprenticeships. We seek assurances that these flexibilities can be built into any new frameworks.