

RQIA Chief Executive addresses social work students at Belfast Met



Olive Macleod, RQIA Chief Executive, recently addressed social work students at Belfast Met on the role of RQIA.

Belfast Met lecturer, Gerry Skelton, commented: “I was delighted to welcome Olive MacLeod to Belfast Met to address our second year social work students on the role of RQIA, and specifically how it relates to social work. Olive’s thoughtful input was appreciated by the students. This is part of Olive’s and my vision for inculcating a shared understanding of how regulation, quality, improvement and authority are part of the daily practice concern and responsibility of all the helping professions: and must be embraced accordingly.

Reflecting on her first visit to Belfast Met, Olive MacLeod said: “It was a pleasure to accept this invitation and to spend time with the second year social work students. Embarking on this vocational career, these students bring a wide range of life skills. On completion of their studies, they will have a professional qualification and will be expected by the health and social care service - and the wider public - to provide the highest possible standards of care. This is a privileged position but also one that comes with responsibilities.”

Olive concluded: “At RQIA, we are here to help and guide all those working in health and social care to provide the best possible care. I wish the social work students well in their continued educational and professional journey”.