

Written evidence submitted by Mr Michael Bell

At the Education Committee meeting held on the morning of 10/6/20 there was some discussion about the appeals process for the summer 2020 exam grades.

During the meeting, a number of references were made to individual students or their parents being able to “appeal” their exam grades. It was not noted however that under the terms of the Ofqual plans, **there is no right of appeal for individual students** either on the grades submitted by that student’s school/college, or on the operation or outcome of the statistical standardisation model.

Furthermore, the only appeals allowed at all are for an exam centre (school/college) to appeal on the grounds that either it believes it has made an error when submitting its information; or similarly, if the centre believes an exam board made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade. In essence, where a mistake has been made in some way when submitting or processing the information. The exam centre is NOT able to appeal on the operation or outcome of the statistical model.

I feel this is important to point out as in reality individual students have no right of formal appeal whatsoever.

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