4. **Appointment of Independent Assessor(s)**

- **4.1** The Independent Assessor(s) should:
 - a) be qualified to supervise, having attended the Certificate in Research Supervision (CRS) and having been a member or currently still being a member of a supervisory team for a research degree student;
 - b) normally have some relevant subject specific expertise.
- **4.2** It may be that the supervision team feel it would be helpful for the Independent Assessor to be used for more than one of the annual reviews to give continuity, this is acceptable.
- **4.3** The Independent Assessor can act as Internal Examiner **unless** they were involved in assessment of the transfer report or formal review.