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Unweighted Total	138	51	66	12	9	104	12	22	20	22	24	38	11	35	39	53	54	23	27	34	14	37	31	25	31	107	31	101	37	
Weighted Total	138	67	52	7	12	107	13	18	19	26	30	32	11	35	41	51	52	23	28	34	14	39	34	22	29	109	29	106	32	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Universities' activities relating to widening participation and improving social mobility	70	26	33	4	7	56	5	9	10	12	16	18	2	19	24	25	28	16	13	13	5	18	15	14	17	52	17	48	21	
	50%	39%	63%	50%	56%	52%	42%	47%	51%	45%	52%	58%	15%	54%	59%	49%	53%	68%	46%	38%	37%	46%	45%	63%	59%	48%	59%	45%	67%	
Employability of graduates	53	30	17	3	4	38	6	9	7	8	8	16	3	11	14	24	19	12	12	10	4	18	13	9	9	44	9	44	9	
	39%	45%	32%	42%	33%	36%	45%	49%	35%	29%	28%	50%	30%	32%	36%	47%	36%	51%	44%	31%	26%	48%	37%	43%	31%	41%	31%	42%	29%	
Universities' research and innovation	53	28	17	3	5	41	5	6	8	12	11	11	4	14	18	17	19	4	15	14	8	11	17	8	9	44	9	41	12	
	38%	41%	33%	42%	45%	39%	42%	35%	40%	45%	37%	34%	37%	41%	43%	33%	37%	16%	54%	43%	55%	29%	50%	37%	30%	41%	30%	39%	37%	
Universities' engagement with business and enterprise	47	29	14	2	3	39	4	5	4	8	13	15	3	12	11	21	16	6	15	11	4	9	16	8	10	37	10	33	15	
	34%	43%	27%	25%	23%	37%	28%	26%	18%	29%	45%	46%	31%	35%	27%	40%	30%	24%	54%	32%	28%	24%	48%	37%	34%	34%	34%	31%	47%	
Universities' role in local communities	44	17	21	3	3	34	3	7	4	7	9	13	2	8	20	15	14	9	9	12	2	12	7	13	10	34	10	30	13	
	32%	26%	40%	42%	22%	32%	20%	38%	22%	28%	31%	42%	14%	22%	49%	29%	27%	39%	31%	34%	15%	32%	20%	57%	34%	31%	34%	29%	42%	
How universities support students during their studies	30	8	20	1	1	25	3	2	6	6	5	9	4	8	7	11	8	6	6	10	5	6	8	5	7	24	7	21	9	
	22%	11%	38%	17%	11%	24%	20%	11%	30%	23%	17%	28%	41%	23%	17%	21%	16%	24%	22%	29%	35%	16%	23%	21%	22%	22%	22%	20%	27%	
Teaching and learning at universities	19	9	8	1	1	19	-	1	2	5	8	4	6	4	4	6	5	6	4	4	5	6	3	1	4	15	4	13	6	
	14%	14%	15%	8%	11%	17%	-	3%	8%	20%	28%	12%	51%	13%	9%	11%	10%	27%	14%	11%	34%	17%	10%	3%	13%	14%	13%	13%	18%	
Immigration (attracting international students and university staff)	16	9	4	2	1	11	3	2	6	1	3	2	3	6	3	5	7	2	3	5	4	3	5	2	2	15	2	14	2	
	12%	14%	8%	25%	11%	11%	24%	10%	30%	5%	9%	5%	24%	18%	6%	10%	13%	6%	12%	14%	30%	9%	15%	8%	6%	14%	6%	13%	7%	
None of these	15	8	4	1	3	10	2	3	3	5	2	-	1	3	5	6	10	1	-	4	1	5	4	-	6	9	6	13	2	
	11%	12%	8%	8%	22%	10%	17%	15%	17%	18%	8%	-	8%	9%	12%	12%	18%	5%	-	12%	6%	12%	12%	-	20%	9%	20%	13%	6%	
No response	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	
	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	2%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	

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Unweighted Total	138	90	41	7
Weighted Total	138	80	51	7
	100%	100%	100%	100%
Universities' activities relating to widening participation and improving social mobility	70 50%	48 60%	18 36%	3 39%
Employability of graduates	53 39%	25 31%	24 46%	5 68%
Universities' research and innovation	53 38%	29 36%	23 46%	1 11%
Universities' engagement with business and enterprise	47 34%	27 34%	17 33%	3 48%
Universities' role in local communities	44 32%	28 35%	14 27%	2 28%
How universities support students during their studies	30 22%	21 27%	9 17%	- -
Teaching and learning at universities	19 14%	12 15%	5 9%	2 30%
Immigration (attracting international students and university staff)	16 12%	9 11%	6 13%	1 20%
None of these	15 11%	9 11%	5 10%	1 13%
No response	1 1%	1 1%	- -	- -

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### Q2. Where do you think universities should prioritise spending funding gained through tuition fees and government grants?

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Developing new courses to respond to changing skills needs in the UK	73 53%	39 59%	26 50%	4 50%	4 33%	59 55%	8 58%	7 36%	14 71%	14 55%	17 58%	14 43%	8 77%	17 48%	21 52%	27 52%	26 51%	12 52%	17 60%	17 52%	9 61%	17 45%	19 57%	13 61%	15 50%	59 54%	15 50%	53 50%	20 63%	
Improving teaching quality	71 52%	35 52%	25 49%	3 42%	8 67%	57 53%	6 45%	8 46%	10 53%	16 63%	14 47%	16 52%	7 64%	19 55%	19 46%	26 51%	29 55%	14 59%	11 40%	17 51%	10 68%	22 57%	14 41%	10 44%	16 54%	55 51%	16 54%	58 54%	14 43%	
Conducting world-class research	63 45%	31 46%	24 45%	3 42%	5 45%	43 41%	10 72%	10 54%	10 50%	15 60%	4 14%	14 45%	4 33%	16 45%	22 55%	21 41%	23 44%	7 32%	14 48%	19 55%	4 31%	19 50%	22 65%	9 39%	9 30%	54 50%	9 30%	52 49%	11 34%	
Initiatives to increase the number of students from underrepresented backgrounds entering higher education (e.g. white working-class boys and BME students)	49 36%	15 22%	27 51%	2 33%	5 45%	40 38%	2 18%	7 36%	9 49%	2 8%	13 45%	15 48%	3 29%	14 39%	16 39%	17 32%	17 32%	8 34%	10 36%	14 42%	5 32%	14 36%	10 30%	9 41%	12 40%	37 34%	12 40%	34 32%	15 47%	
Supporting all students throughout their studies including mental health and disability provision	47 34%	14 21%	26 49%	5 67%	3 22%	38 36%	3 20%	6 34%	5 27%	9 35%	11 37%	13 42%	4 34%	13 38%	16 39%	15 28%	17 32%	11 45%	7 25%	13 39%	5 36%	13 33%	7 21%	12 55%	10 35%	37 34%	10 35%	29 27%	18 57%	
Collaborating with business and industry	46 34%	31 47%	9 17%	1 17%	5 44%	38 36%	1 7%	7 40%	3 17%	12 47%	13 45%	10 30%	3 28%	15 43%	12 29%	16 32%	15 28%	8 33%	14 50%	10 29%	4 30%	16 42%	15 45%	5 24%	5 18%	41 38%	5 18%	40 38%	6 19%	
Delivering support to local communities such as sponsoring schools and providing sports and cultural facilities	20 14%	9 14%	8 16%	2 25%	-	18 17%	-	2 10%	3 14%	2 8%	6 19%	7 23%	-	4 12%	6 16%	9 17%	6 11%	2 6%	9 32%	4 11%	1 10%	5 12%	3 10%	4 18%	6 20%	14 12%	6 20%	11 11%	8 26%	
International outreach and expansion	5 4%	5 8%	-	-	-	4 4%	-	1 7%	-	3 10%	1 5%	-	-	1 4%	1 3%	3 5%	2 5%	1 6%	-	1 4%	-	1 4%	1 4%	1 6%	1 4%	4 4%	1 4%	5 5%	-	
None of these	5 4%	3 4%	2 3%	1 8%	-	1 6%	2 17%	1 8%	1 6%	-	-	-	1 8%	-	1 3%	3 5%	3 5%	1 6%	-	1 3%	1 6%	1 4%	-	1 4%	1 5%	4 3%	1 4%	4 4%	1 4%	
No response	1 1%	-	1 1%	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-	-	-	1 2%	-	1 2%	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-	-	1 2%	-	-	-	1 1%	-	1 1%	-	

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None of these	5 4%	4 4%	1 3%	- -
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
In the last month	27	12	9	3	3	17	4	6	3	7	5	2	3	4	8	12	15	4	4	4	1	5	7	7	6	21	6	20	7	
	20%	18%	18%	42%	23%	16%	28%	35%	16%	25%	17%	7%	31%	11%	20%	23%	28%	18%	15%	11%	9%	14%	21%	33%	22%	19%	22%	19%	21%	
In the last 6 months	45	17	20	2	5	37	2	6	7	6	11	12	4	9	14	18	20	7	7	11	5	11	7	7	15	29	15	33	11	
	32%	25%	38%	33%	44%	35%	13%	32%	38%	23%	38%	39%	35%	25%	34%	35%	39%	28%	25%	32%	32%	27%	22%	31%	52%	27%	52%	31%	35%	
In the last year	36	22	9	1	4	29	3	3	3	8	11	8	1	16	9	9	7	7	10	12	7	13	10	3	2	33	2	32	4	
	26%	34%	17%	8%	33%	27%	24%	18%	17%	29%	36%	25%	12%	45%	23%	18%	13%	28%	36%	35%	48%	33%	30%	15%	8%	31%	8%	30%	12%	
In the last 5 years	17	9	8	1	-	14	2	1	4	3	-	6	1	4	4	9	6	2	7	2	-	6	7	3	2	16	2	11	7	
	12%	13%	15%	8%	-	13%	17%	8%	21%	13%	-	20%	7%	11%	10%	17%	12%	8%	24%	7%	-	15%	22%	12%	5%	14%	5%	10%	21%	
More than 5 years ago	3	3	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	3	-	
	2%	4%	1%	-	-	3%	-	-	4%	5%	5%	-	-	6%	-	3%	-	-	-	10%	-	5%	-	6%	-	3%	-	3%	-	
I have never visited a university in a professional capacity	5	3	2	1	-	3	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	3	1	2	2	-	1	1	-	1	2	3	2	2	3		
	4%	4%	3%	8%	-	3%	11%	3%	4%	-	5%	2%	7%	-	8%	1%	4%	9%	-	2%	5%	-	4%	3%	7%	3%	7%	2%	9%	
Unsure/ don't recall	4	1	3	-	-	3	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	2	2	2	2	-	1	1	1	-	2	3	2	4	1		
	3%	2%	6%	-	-	3%	7%	4%	-	5%	-	5%	8%	-	5%	3%	3%	9%	-	3%	6%	3%	2%	-	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	
No response	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	
	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	2%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	

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### Q3. When did you last visit a university in a professional capacity?

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	Total	BREXIT		
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Unweighted Total	138	90	41	7
Weighted Total	138	80	51	7
	100%	100%	100%	100%
In the last month	27	17	7	3
	20%	21%	14%	37%
In the last 6 months	45	26	16	3
	32%	32%	31%	41%
In the last year	36	16	20	-
	26%	20%	39%	-
In the last 5 years	17	12	5	1
	12%	15%	9%	11%
More than 5 years ago	3	2	1	-
	2%	3%	2%	-
I have never visited a university in a professional capacity	5	4	1	-
	4%	5%	1%	-
Unsure/ don't recall	4	2	1	1
	3%	3%	2%	11%
No response	1	1	-	-
	1%	1%	-	-