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### Welcome to our latest education bulletin.

As we enter a new academic year we take a look at the latest developments and guidance that institutions need to be aware of.

Back in July the OfS published [a new condition on harassment and sexual misconduct](#). Now that a new term has begun we set out what institutions need to do to ensure their current policies, procedures and practices on harassment, misconduct and staff-student intimate relationships are sufficient to protect both students and employees.

In this edition we also outline what the [new EHRC guidance around the knowledge of disability](#) and competence standards within the higher education sector includes, explaining why lack of knowledge of a disability is not a defence for failing to make reasonable adjustments.



**Smita Jamdar**  
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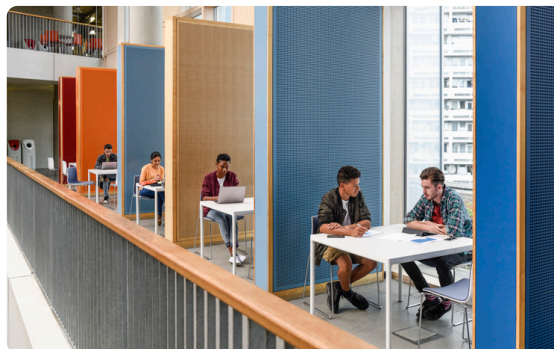
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