**Examining Committee’s Preview of the Doctoral Thesis**

The Doctoral Programme Committee for Health and Welfareconsiders the questions below to be essential for assessing whether or not the doctoral thesis has met with the predetermined quality standards. The members of the Examining Committee are to make an individual statement as to whether or not they think that the thesis/papers respond positively in terms of the questions below or whether there is uncertainty in this regard.

The Doctoral Programme Committee for Health and Welfareselects a coordinator among the members of the Examining Committee. All members of the committee give their views to the coordinator The coordinator is then responsible for compiling the views of the Examining Committee members and for the recommendation: these must be submitted to the Director of Doctoral Programme within ten work days.

A positive feedback from the preview process does not mean that the thesis will receive a passing grade; instead, the review is to determine that the doctoral student’s scientific work is of a sufficiently high quality and substantial enough to be able to be defended at a public defence of the thesis.

**Preview ahead of the Doctoral Thesis Defence**

* Is the doctoral student’s work of an extent and quality that can be expected of doctoral studies of four years?
* Has the material that has been investigated been appropriately selected and is it sufficient in scope?
* Are the methods of investigation and analysis relevant to the questions raised?
* Are potential ethical considerations described and addressed?
* Are the conclusions drawn by the doctoral student scientifically substantiated?
* Does the doctoral student demonstrate indication of scientific rigour/accuracy in the introduction and the discussion?
* Is the thesis/papers of such quality that they can be deemed to have met with reasonable set requirements so as to be accepted for publication in an international scientific, peer reviewed journal?

Doctoral Student:

Title of the Thesis:

Planned Date of the Thesis defence:

The Examining Committee’s Group Decision:

Recommend the thesis defence

Recommend that the thesis defence be postponed

Place/Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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