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How improving internal environments can maximise the university experience.

Applying Health, Wellbeing and Productivity to Higher Education.

BuroHappold Engineering undertook one of the UK's largest HE student surveys with the aim of understanding the challenges the HE sector faces over the next few decades - including the role of the university estate in the student experience.

Universities/Colleges/Partners worked with

Contribution from 40 (anonymized) universities across the UK. 60% of students were UK domicile; 40% non-UK domicile.

Summary of Findings relevant to Health, Wellbeing and Productivity;

- Less than half of students and only 22% of DoE and VCs agree that their buildings are easy to operate
- 53% of students but only 41% of DoE and VCs believe that their facilities are sustainable
- Just over half (56%) of students felt that internal comfort was difficult to control
- Only 11% of students were 'very satisfied' with interior temperatures
- When asked to focus on just one aspect to improve, students want more Biophilia (landscaping and views) – making a clear link between greenery and wellbeing

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Briefing Paper



Data/Findings

Quantitative data from 1300 students and 16 Directors of Estate (DoE) and Vice-Chancellors (VC). Augmented with qualitative data from personal interviews with the 16 Directors of Estate and Vice-Chancellors.

Conclusion

Small changes to building controls such as improving internal temperature, greater access to natural light and increasing the amount of plants and landscaping - both on campus and city estates - would improve the student experience.

Further information

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- You can find more information about Health, Wellbeing and Productivity in BuroHappold's full report [here](#).

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