

**Health Professions Council
Approvals Committee 5 September 2006**

Actions List

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

Attached is the actions list as agreed at the last meeting of this committee.

Decision

The Committee is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

None

Date of paper

25 August 2006

ACTION POINTS
APPROVALS COMMITTEE

17 MAY 2006

	Action point (and location in the minutes)	For the attention of	Action by	Comments
1	Subject to amendments discussed, revised approvals flowchart should be implemented (22 November 2005, Public minutes, 10.6)	KS	Ongoing	
2	Programmes which have not been assessed against benchmark statements and request deferral of approvals visit on the basis of internal review processes should be granted deferral unless there is cause for concern about a programme. Maximum time limit permitted for deferral is 12 months. (22 November 2005, Public minutes, 14.3)	KS	Ongoing	
3	In the light of the QAA major review and the AODP curriculum review, HPC visits to ODP programmes would be scheduled for May 2006-September 2007. (22 November 2005, Public minutes, 16.3)	KS	Ongoing to September 2007	
5	HPC should approve all programmes that contain the Standards of Proficiency, irrespective of the level of the final qualification award. (2 March 2006, Public minutes, 7.6)	AC	Ongoing	See decision made by the Education and Training Committee on 29 March 2006.
6	External examiners for Supplementary Prescribing programmes: Executive to reflect on how to proceed and resolution to be circulated electronically to members for approval. (17 May 2006, 6.6)	GR-S/ AC/ CB	1 June 2006	Education and Training Committee on 13 June 2006 agreed that a consultation should be undertaken on SET 6.7.5. Also agreed that examiners should normally be from the same part of the register and exceptions to be discussed at individual Approvals Visits.

7	Arrangements for Approvals Panel meetings: Paper reviewing arrangements to be presented. (17 May 2006, 7.2)	CB	2 November 2006	
8	Template for Visitors' report to be amended to ask Visitors to indicate whether conditions have implications for other programmes. Executive to seek a response from affected education provider(s) and issue to be considered by future ovals Panel. (17 May 2006, 12.2)	AC	Ongoing	
9	Industrial action in higher education: Executive to write to all education providers running approved programmes, requesting confirmation that students would still be assessed against the HPC's Standards. (17 May 2006, 12.4)	AC	1 June 2006	Actioned.