

Health Professions Council

Education and Training Committee Panel

Programmes in respect of which approval/ongoing approval is recommended subject to conditions, where the education provider has made observations on the visitors' report

Name of programme	Foundation Degree in Health Sciences
Name of education provider	Open University
Mode of delivery	Part time
Date of decision	18 August 2008

Panel :
Alan Mount, Chair
Elizabeth Ellis
Tony Hazell
Carol Lloyd
Barbara Stuart

Guidance for Panel Chairs

In determining whether to accept a Visitors' report (including the conditions and recommendations in the report), the Panel must reach its decision on the basis of the evidence put before it, in the form of the HPC Visitors' report and any observations on the report made by the education provider.

The Visitors' report is only a recommendation and the Panel may depart from that recommendation where it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.

The Panel must reach its own decision and give reasons for that decision. If the Panel wishes to amend the report, it should give reasons for each amendment.

Decision:
The Visitors' report should be amended as follows: The condition against SET 6.5 should be deleted and replaced with a recommendation and reason to be worded as follows: 'Recommendation: The education provider should submit as part of annual

monitoring the interim reports for S210 and S2xx.

Reason: The visitors noted that the external assessor provides an interim report six to nine months before the course is presented to ensure effective mechanisms are in place to assure appropriate standards in the assessment of students. The visitors felt that these mechanisms were sufficient to meet SET 6.5 to assure appropriate standards in the assessment. As these reports will not be available until 2009/10 it is recommended that this is seen as part of the annual monitoring process.'

Reasons

The Education and Training Panel held on Thursday 29 May 2008 agreed that the visitors should be asked to provide clarification on the reasons for the condition which had been set against SET 6.5. The visitors have now recommended that the condition should be replaced by a recommendation and have recommended the wording set out above.

The Panel is not satisfied that the condition against SET 6.5 in the visitors' report needs to be met before the programme can be approved. They believe there is evidence that the SET has been met.

Signed: Alan Mount (Chairman of the Panel)

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Name of programme	Foundation Degree in Paramedic Sciences
Name of education provider	Open University
Mode of delivery	Part time
Date of decision	18 August 2008

Panel :
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Carol Lloyd
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Name of programme	BSc (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotics
Name of education provider	University of Strathclyde
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	18 August 2008

Panel :
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Elizabeth Ellis
Tony Hazell
Carol Lloyd
Barbara Stuart

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Decision:
<p>1. The Visitors' report should be amended as follows:</p> <p>The documentation deadline for the conditions against standards of education and training (SETs) 5.4, 5.5, 5.7.1, 5.7.3, 5.7.4, 5.8.3, 5.12, 6.1 and 6.6 should be set as December 2008. The executive should negotiate with the education provider to agree an exact date in</p>

December 2008.

The documentation deadline for the remaining conditions should be set as Friday 22 August 2008.

2. The Executive should ensure the education provider is aware that the conditions against SETs 5.7.3, 6.1 and 6.6 relate to professional conduct and fitness to practice.
3. The Executive should clarify the process for producing visitors' reports to the education provider.

Reasons

1. The Panel is satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' report must be met before ongoing approval of the programme can be confirmed.

The Panel is satisfied that the programme has previously been approved by the HPC and that there is no evidence that individuals who have completed the programme are unfit to practice. The Panel is therefore satisfied that the nature of the conditions to be met in December pose a minimal risk to the protection of the public. The Panel also felt that a longer deadline to meet these conditions would provide the education provider with sufficient time to collaborate with practice placement providers.

2. The Panel felt that the education provider might not have understood that the conditions against SETs 5.7.3, 6.1 and 6.6 relate to wider issues than the education providers focus on interpersonal skills in their observations.
3. The Panel felt that the Executive should respond to the observation that two reports were produced following the visit when the outcome for the BSc (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotics and MSc Prosthetics and Orthotics programmes was the same.

Signed: Alan Mount (Chairman of the Panel)

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Name of programme	MSci Prosthetics and Orthotics
Name of education provider	University of Strathclyde
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	18 August 2008

Panel :
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Carol Lloyd
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Decision:
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3. The Executive should clarify the process for producing visitors' reports to the education provider.

Reasons

1. The Panel is satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' report must be met before the programme can be approved.

The Panel is satisfied that the nature of the conditions to be met in December pose a minimal risk to the protection of the public. The Panel also felt that a longer deadline to meet these conditions would provide the education provider with sufficient time to collaborate with practice placement providers.

2. The Panel felt that the education provider might not have understood that the conditions against SETs 5.7.3, 6.1 and 6.6 relate to wider issues than the education providers focus on interpersonal skills in their observations.
3. The Panel felt that the Executive should respond to the observation that two reports were produced following the visit when the outcome for the BSc (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotics and MSci Prosthetics and Orthotics programmes was the same.

Signed: Alan Mount (Chairman of the Panel)

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Name of programme	IHCD Paramedic award
Name of education provider	Welsh Ambulance Service Trust
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	18 August 2008

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Decision:
<p>1. The Visitors' report should be amended as follows:</p> <p>The documentation deadline for the conditions against standards of education and training (SETs) 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.7.1 should be extended to December 2008. The executive should negotiate with the education provider to agree an exact date in</p>

December 2008.

The documentation deadline for the remaining conditions should remain as Thursday 31 July 2008.

2. The Executive should provide written clarification to the education provider about the condition against SET 5.7.3.

Reasons

1. The Panel is satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' report must be met before ongoing approval of the programme can be confirmed.

The Panel is satisfied that the programme has previously been approved by the HPC and that there is no evidence that individuals who have previously completed the programme are unfit to practise. The Panel is therefore satisfied that the nature of the conditions to be met in December pose a minimal risk to the protection of the public. The Panel also felt that a longer deadline to meet these conditions would provide the education provider with sufficient time to collaborate with the awarding/validating body.

2. The Panel believes that the reason within the Visitors' report for the condition against SET 5.7.3 is clear. However, to ensure that the education provider does not misunderstand the condition, they feel that written clarification should be provided by the Executive, with a copy to the visitors.

Signed: Alan Mount (Chairman of the Panel)