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Minutes of the Education and Training Panel held on **Wednesday 26 March 2008** at Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11 4BU.

Present: Mr A Mount (Chairman)
Professor C Lloyd
Ms G Pearson
Ms E Thornton

In attendance:

Mr C Bendall, Secretary to the Panel
Mr J Bracken, HPC's solicitor
Ms A Creighton, Head of Education
Mr G Ross-Sampson, Director of Operations
Ms T Samuel-Smith, Education Manager

Item 1.08/15 Appointment of panel chairman

1.1 The Panel agreed that Mr Mount should act as Chairman for the meeting.

Item 2.08/16 Apologies for absence

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Professor D Waller.

Item 3.08/17 Approval of agenda

3.1 The Panel approved the agenda.

Item 4.08/18 Visitors' reports

- 4.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 4.2 The Panel noted that the paper included visitors' reports in the new format and agreed that this format was a great improvement, being clearer and more concise.
- 4.3 The Panel considered whether, if there were a large number of conditions in a visitors' report, this meant that a programme could

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ever be sufficiently rigorous and whether a further approvals visit might be required to determine whether the programme met the standards of education and training (SETs). The Panel noted that the Education – Approvals and Monitoring Department workplan for 2008-9 included a project to address the issue. The Panel noted that the visitors would have to be satisfied that all conditions had been met, before recommending approval of a programme.

4.4 The Panel noted that there was a minor error in the ‘recommended outcome’ section of some of the reports. The section stated the total number of SETs which had been met and the total which had conditions against them. However, the totals sometimes did not reflect the fact that several conditions had been imposed against the same SET.

4.5 The Panel agreed to accept the visitors’ reports for the following programmes, including the conditions recommended by the visitors:

Education provider	Programme name	Delivery mode
University of Cumbria	MSc Physiotherapy (Accelerated route)	Full time
University of Cumbria	MSc Occupational Therapy (Accelerated route)	Full time
University of Cumbria	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full time
University of Cumbria	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Part time
University of Cumbria	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Foundation Degree Paramedic Science	Full time

Item 5.08/19 Visitor report and representation

5.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.

5.2 The Panel noted that the BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science programme at Coventry University had been the subject of an approvals visit on 7-8 November 2007. The visitors’ report had included a condition against SET 3.1, requiring the programme team to redraft and resubmit the programme documentation to provide assurances on the security of the programme in its own right. The reason for the condition included a paragraph explaining that the visitors felt the education provider needed ‘...to be able to guarantee a defined number of places on the BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science programme, to satisfactorily ensure the security of the programme.’

5.3 The Panel noted that the education provider had made a representation. The education provider had pointed out that it

proposed to operate its programme in the same way as approved programmes at other universities. Students would initially enrol on a BSc Biomedical Science programme and would transfer to Applied Biomedical Science at the year of their second year, if they were successful in securing an appropriate one year programme. In this model, the precise number of funded placements that would be available was not known at the start of the programme. The education provider was confident that it could demonstrate its ability to arrange placements.

- 5.4 The Panel agreed that SET 3.1 only required that the programme should have a secure place in the education provider's business plan and did not require a defined number of places. The Panel agreed that the condition should remain in the report, but that the last paragraph of the reason should be amended, as that paragraph went beyond the requirements of the SET. The Panel agreed that the last paragraph of the reason should be amended to explain that the education provider should demonstrate that the programme would be viable and secure.

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Item 6.08/20 Programme approval

- 6.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 6.2 The Panel agreed that, in the new format of visitors' report, the Executive should consider how to make it clear to Panels that all conditions had been met.
- 6.3 The Panel agreed that the following programmes should be approved, as the visitors were satisfied that the conditions in the visitors' reports had been met and the programmes therefore met the SETs:

Education provider	Programme name	Delivery mode
University of Plymouth	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practitioner (Community Emergency Health)	Full time
University of Plymouth	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practitioner (Community Emergency Health)	Part time
University of Plymouth	Diploma in Higher Education Paramedic Science (Community Emergency Health)	Full time
University of Plymouth	Diploma in Higher Education Paramedic Science (Community Emergency Health)	Part time
University of Plymouth	Graduate Diploma Paramedic Practitioner (Community Emergency Health)	Full time

University of Plymouth	Graduate Diploma Paramedic Practitioner (Community Emergency Health)	Part time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Foundation Degree Paramedic Science	Full time

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Item 7.08/21 Annual monitoring declarations for approval

- 7.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 7.2 The Panel noted that, as part of the monitoring of programmes, programmes in group A needed to complete a declaration form. Education providers were expected to submit the monitoring documentation to HPC within 28 days of their institution's own internal annual monitoring process.
- 7.3 The Panel noted that the operating department practice programme at University Centre Yeovil was operated on a franchise basis from the University of Bournemouth.
- 7.4 The Panel agreed that the following programmes should continue to be approved as meeting the SETs:

Education Provider	Programme Name	Mode of Delivery
Birmingham City University	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	Part Time
Birmingham City University	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	Full Time
Birmingham City University	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy	Full Time
Birmingham City University	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy	Part Time
Birmingham City University	BSc (Hons) Speech & Language Therapy	Full Time
Birmingham City University	BSc (Hons) Speech & Language Therapy	Part Time
Bournemouth University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full Time
Bournemouth University	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full Time
Bournemouth University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice	Full Time
Brunel ODP Centre	DipHE Operating Department Practice	Full Time

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Brunel ODP Centre	DipHE Operating Department Practice	Part Time
Canterbury Christ Church University	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	Full Time
Canterbury Christ Church University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full Time
De Montfort University	BSc (Hons) Human Communication - Speech & Language Therapy	Part Time
De Montfort University	BSc (Hons) Human Communication - Speech & Language Therapy	Full Time
De Montfort University	Prescribing for Health Care Professionals (Level 3)	Part Time
De Montfort University	Prescribing for Health Care Professionals (M Level)	Part Time
Liverpool John Moores University	Supplementary Prescribing	Part Time
London Metropolitan University	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals	Part Time
Oxford Brookes University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full Time
Oxford Brookes University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Part Time
Oxford Brookes University	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Emergency Care	Part Time
Oxford Brookes University	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Emergency Care	Mixed Mode
Oxford Brookes University	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full Time
Oxford Brookes University	BSc Paramedic Emergency Care	Part Time
Oxford Brookes University	BSc Paramedic Emergency Care	Mixed Mode
Oxford Brookes University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice: Perioperative Care	Full Time
Oxford Brookes University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice: Perioperative Care	Part Time
Oxford Brookes University	Dip HE Paramedic Emergency Care	Part Time
Oxford Brookes University	Dip HE Paramedic Emergency Care	Mixed Mode
Oxford Brookes University	Extended Independent Supplementary Prescribing (Level 3)	Part Time

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Oxford Brookes University	Extended Independent Supplementary Prescribing (PG Level)	Part Time
Staffordshire University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Part Time (In Service)
University Centre Yeovil	Dip HE Operating Department Practice	Full Time
University of Bradford	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	Full Time
University of Bradford	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full Time
University of Bradford	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full Time
University of Brighton	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science	Full Time
University of Brighton	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full Time
University of Brighton	MSc Rehabilitation Science	Full Time
University of Chester	BSc (Hons) Nutrition and Dietetics	Full Time
University of Chester	MSc Nutrition & Dietetics	Full Time
University of Chester	Pg Dip Nutrition & Dietetics	Full Time
University of Cumbria	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	Full Time
University of Cumbria	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	Part Time
University of Huddersfield	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full Time
University of Huddersfield	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Full Time
University of Huddersfield	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Part Time
University of Huddersfield	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals	Part Time
University of Nottingham	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full Time
University of Portsmouth	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	Full Time
University of Portsmouth	BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography	Full Time
University of Portsmouth	FdSc Paramedic Science	Part Time

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University of Sunderland,	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences	Full Time
University of Surrey	BSc (Hons) Nutrition/Dietetics	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Imaging	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Imaging	Part Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Part Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy	Part Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Graduate Diploma Diagnostic Imaging	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Graduate Diploma Occupational Therapy	Part Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Graduate Diploma Occupational Therapy	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Graduate Diploma Physiotherapy	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Graduate Diploma Radiotherapy	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	MA Music Therapy	Part Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Prescribing Practice	Part Time

Item 8.08/22 Annual monitoring audits for approval

- 8.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 8.2 The Panel noted that, as part of the monitoring of programmes, education providers in group B were expected to complete an audit form and submit it with their internal quality reports and external examiners' reports from the last two academic years. An annual monitoring assessment day had been held on 19 February 2008 and visitors had recommended that a number of programmes continued to meet the SETs. The Panel noted that the visitors' recommendations had been drafted by the Executive, to ensure greater consistency between the recommendations, before the recommendations had been approved by the visitors.

8.3 The Panel agreed to accept the visitors' recommendations that the following programmes continued to be approved as meeting the SETs:

Education Provider	Programme Name	Mode of Delivery
Bangor, University of Wales	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging	Full Time
City University	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging)	Full Time
City University	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology)	Full Time
City University	MSc Speech & Language Therapy	Full Time
City University	Pg Dip Speech & Language Therapy	Full Time
London South Bank University	Postgraduate Certificate in Non-medical Prescribing	Part Time
Nottingham Trent University	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science	Full Time
Roehampton University	MA Art Therapy	Full Time
Roehampton University	MA Art Therapy	Part Time
Roehampton University	MA Music Therapy	Full Time
Roehampton University	MA Music Therapy	Part Time
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama	MA Music Therapy	Full Time
Sheffield Hallam University	Supplementary Prescribing	Part Time
The Robert Gordon University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full Time
The Robert Gordon University	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full Time
University of Essex	Practice Certificate in Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (formerly Preparation of Pharmacists & Allied Health Professionals to practice as supplementary prescribers)	Part Time
University of Lincoln	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science	Full Time
University of Lincoln	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science	Part Time
University of Lincoln	Non-Medical Prescribing (level 3)	Part Time

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University of Lincoln	Non-Medical Prescribing (M level)	Part Time
University of Plymouth	Extended/Supplementary Prescribing	Part Time
University of Wales Institute Cardiff	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Full Time
York St John University	BHSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full Time
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Item 9.08/23 Minor/major changes

- 9.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 9.2 The Panel noted that the paper summarised changes to approved programmes, which had been considered by visitors. The visitors were satisfied that the changes were minor and that the programmes continued to meet the SETs. The visitors did not wish to recommend an approvals visit.
- 10.3 The Panel agreed that the following programmes had undergone minor change and continued to meet the SETs:

Education Provider	Programme Name	Mode of Delivery
Anglia Ruskin University	Non-Medical Prescribing for Nurses and Allied Health Professionals (level 3)	Part Time
Anglia Ruskin University	Non-Medical Prescribing for Nurses and Allied Health Professionals (level 4)	Part Time
De Montfort University	BSc (Hons) Human Communication - Speech & Language Therapy	Part Time
De Montfort University	BSc (Hons) Human Communication - Speech & Language Therapy	Full Time
Manchester Metropolitan University	Non-Medical Prescribing	Part Time
Sheffield Hallam University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Distance Learning
University of Central Lancashire	University Advanced Certificate Non Medical Prescribing	Part Time

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University of Huddersfield	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Full Time
University of Huddersfield	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Part Time
University of Plymouth	Extended/Supplementary Prescribing	Part Time
University of Portsmouth	FdSc Paramedic Science	Part Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Imaging	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Imaging	Part Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy	Full Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy	Part Time
University of the West of England, Bristol	Graduate Diploma Diagnostic Imaging	Full Time
University of Wales Institute Cardiff	BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition & Dietetics	Full Time
University of Wales Institute Cardiff	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Full Time
University of Wales Institute Cardiff	MSc Dietetics	Full Time
University of Wales Institute Cardiff	Pg Dip Dietetics	Full Time

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