

Health Professions Council

Visitors' report

Name of education provider	Cardiff University
Name and titles of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging BSc(Hons) Radiotherapy & Oncology
Mode of Delivery (FT/PT)	Fulltime
Date of Visit	20-22 March 2007
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2007
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Derek Adrian-Harris, Director of Radiography, University of Portsmouth Russell Hart, Radiotherapy Services Manager, Nottingham University Hospital
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Chris Hipkins
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Professor Tony Cryer, Cardiff University (Chair) Julie O'Boyle, The College of Radiographers Graham Morgan, The College of Radiographers

Scope of visit (please tick)

New programme	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major change to existing programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>

Confirmation of meetings held

	Yes	No	N/A
Senior personnel of provider with responsibility for resources for the programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programme team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placements providers and educators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students (current or past as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Confirmation of facilities inspected

	Yes	No	N/A
Library learning centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IT facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specialist teaching accommodation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Confirmation that particular requirements/specific instructions (if any) of the Education and Training Committee that have been explored e.g. specific aspects arising from annual monitoring reports.

Requirement (please insert detail)	Yes	No	N/A
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed student cohort intake number please state	Diagnostic Radiography = 60 Radiotherapy and Oncology = 22
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The following summarises the key outcomes of the Approvals event and provides reasons for the decision.

CONDITIONS

SET 5. *Practice placements*

5.6 The education provider must maintain a thorough and effective system for approving and monitoring all placements.

Condition: The University must put in place a more formal mechanism for both approving and monitoring practice placements.

Reason: The current process is informal and inconsistently applied. There is insufficient emphasis on regular, structured monitoring.

Deadline for Conditions to be met: 21 May 2007

Suggested dates for submission to ETP: 5 July 2007

RECOMMENDATIONS

SET 3. *Programme management and resource standards*

3.6 A programme for staff development must be in place to ensure continuing professional and research development.

Recommendation: Professional development opportunities to ensure that staff maintain clinical currency should be extended to all staff and greater support for staff undertaking this professional development should be put in place.

Reason: Currently some staff are engaged in developing and maintaining the currency of their clinical skills however this is by no means the case for all staff. The programme would benefit from increased emphasis on this area.

SET 4. *Curriculum Standards*

4.7 Where there is inter-professional learning the profession specific skills and knowledge of each professional group are adequately addressed.

Recommendation: The University should build upon its unique portfolio of programmes and setting by developing with some urgency an inter-professional learning programme for all four disciplines under review and within the University as a whole.

Reason: There is currently little evidence that inter-professional learning takes place, however the wide range of programmes offered and the unique physical location of all the programmes in the same building provide very good opportunities for this situation to change.

COMMENDATIONS

- **The in-practice IT system for student and placement provider feedback and interaction during practice placements is excellent.**
- **The image library for diagnostics is excellent.**
- **The enthusiastic support for students offered by the programme team is commended.**

The nature and quality of instruction and facilities meets the Standards of Education and Training.

We recommend to the Education and Training Committee of the HPC that they approve this programme (subject to any conditions being met).

Visitors' signatures:

Derek Adrian-Harris
Russell Hart

Date: 26 March 2007