Health Professions Council

Visitors' report

Name of education provider	Liverpool John Moores University
Name and titles of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science
Mode of Delivery (FT/PT)	Full time Part time
Date of Visit	9th & 10th May 2007
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2007
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Phil Warren (Biomedical Scientist, Educationalist) Martin Nicholson (Biomedical Scientist, Clinician)
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Tracey Samuel-Smith
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Tony Hall (Chair) Debbie Richardson (Secretary) Robert Williams (IBMS visitor) Alan Wainwright (IBMS) Sarah May (IBMS) Joanne Knowles (LJMU) Chris Rostron (LJMU) Dhiya Al-Jumeily (LJMU)

Scope of visit *(please tick)*

New programme	☒
Major change to existing programme	☐
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	☐
New Profession	☐

Confirmation of meetings held

	Yes	No	N/A
Senior personnel of provider with responsibility for resources for the programme	☒	☐	☐
Programme team	☒	☐	☐
Placements providers and educators	☒	☐	☐
Students (current or past as appropriate)	☒	☐	☐

Confirmation of facilities inspected

	Yes	No	N/A
Library learning centre	☒	☐	☐

IT facilities	☒	☐	☐
Specialist teaching accommodation	☒	☐	☐

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	☐	☐	☒
2	☐	☐	☒
3	☐	☐	☒

Proposed student cohort intake number please state	**12 - 15**

The following summarises the key outcomes of the Approvals event and provides reasons for the decision.

CONDITIONS

SET 2 *Programme admissions*

The admission procedures must:

2.1 give both the applicant and the education provider the information they require to make an informed choice about whether to make, or take up the offer of a place on a programme

Condition: The programme team must review, and where necessary, redraft and resubmit the programme documentation to remove references to 'state registration'.

Reason: The term 'state registration' is no longer used by the professions which the HPC regulates and must be removed from the programme documentation. An example of where this can be found is in the university prospectus.

and

Condition: The programme team must review, and where necessary, redraft and resubmit the programme documentation to clearly state that the programme leads to eligibility to apply for admission for the HPC Register.

Reason: Currently the programme documentation indicates that there is direct entry to the HPC Register and to provide students with clear information, this must be updated. Examples of this can be found in the university prospectus and student handbook 2007-8.

SET 5. *Practice placements standards*

5.7 Students and practice placement educators must be fully prepared for placement which will include information about and understanding of the following:

   5.7.3 expectations of professional conduct;

Condition: The programme team must redraft and resubmit the practice placement handbook to include reference to HPC's Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics.

Reason: Currently students are referred to the Code of Ethics. To ensure students are able to easily locate the correct documentation on HPC's website, these references must be amended.

SET 6. *Assessment standards*

6.7 Assessment regulations clearly specify requirements:

   6.7.3 for an aegrotat award not to provide eligibility for admission to the Register; and

Condition: The programme team must redraft and resubmit the University Modular Framework Assessment Regulations to clearly inform students that an aegrotat award does not lead to eligibility for admission to the HPC Register.

Reason: Currently the University Modular Framework Assessment Regulations lists those programmes which the aegrotat policy does not apply to. The BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science programme does not appear in this list and must be added.

Deadline for conditions to be met: 25th June 2007
Expected date visitors' report submitted to Panel for approval: 2nd August 2007
Expected date programme submitted to Panel for approval: 2nd August 2007

Visitors' signatures:

        Phil Warren

        Martin Nicholson

Date: 16th May 2007