

## Health Professions Council

### Visitors' report

<b>Name of education provider</b>	Manchester Metropolitan University
<b>Name and titles of programme(s)</b>	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science
<b>Mode of delivery (FT/PT)</b>	Full time and Part time
<b>Date of visit</b>	27 and 28 June 2007
<b>Proposed date of approval to commence</b>	September 2007
<b>Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)</b>	Mrs Mary Macdonald (Biomedical Scientist) Mr Tommy Cavanagh (Biomedical Scientist)
<b>HPC executive officer(s) (in attendance)</b>	Mandy Hargood
<b>Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):</b>	Dr P Roberts (Chair) Mrs B Furnival (Secretary) Mrs A Geddis External Advisor Professor P Whiting External Assessor Mrs M Kelly Academic Standards Unit Dr E A Price Faculty Academic Development Representative Mr A Wainwright IBMS Dr M Bowen IBMS Dr N Hall IBMS

**Scope of visit (please tick)**

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

**Confirmation of meetings held**

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

**Confirmation of facilities inspected**

	Yes	No	N/A
Library learning centre	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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IT facilities	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specialist teaching accommodation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ALL CONDITIONS MET

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	10 F/T 15P/T
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ALL CONDITIONS MET

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

## **CONDITIONS**

### **SET 3. *Programme management and resource standards***

3.4 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

3.5 Subject areas must be taught by staff with relevant specialist expertise and knowledge.

**Condition:** The Programme Team must provide a list of the names of associate lecturers who teach into the programme including specialism and HPC registration details and also copies of curriculum vitae.

**Reason:** In discussions with the Senior Team and the Programme Team it became apparent that there were a number of associate lecturers (visiting lecturers) teaching into the programme. However supporting documentation did not include details of associate lecturers and the visitors wanted to ensure that subject areas were taught by appropriately selected staff to ensure the students received the required teaching.

**Deadline for conditions to be met:** 16 July 2007

**Expected date programme submitted to Panel for approval:** 2 August 2007

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **SET 6. *Assessment standards***

6.2 Assessment methods must be employed that measure the learning outcomes and skills that are required to practise safely and effectively.

**Recommendation:** The Visitors suggest that the Programme Team review the process of assessment by examination in order that students do not feel disadvantaged by going for long periods without formal written examinations.

**Reason:** It was noted during the meeting with the current cohort of students that not having many "essay type" examinations until the final year of the programme made them feel unprepared for this type of examination. Although the Programme Team have addressed this by putting more support in place to aid the students with examinations, the Visitors felt that the Programme Team should keep this area of assessment under review to ensure equity of student experience.

## COMMENDATIONS

- *The quality of the documentation*
- *The high quality and professionalism of the Programme Team and in particular the input made by the placement co-ordinator.*
  
- *The Student Support information provided by the University was exemplary.*
  
- *The library, IT, research and laboratories were state of the art.*
  
- *The range of research being carried out within the School was most impressive together with its other research partners.*
  
- *The students seen were a credit to the programme and were highly supportive of the Universities and the Placement Providers.*

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:

**Mary Macdonald**

**Tommy Cavanagh**

Date: 29 June 2007