

Department of Education & Policy

**Local Analgesia and
Prescription Only Medicine (Chiropody/Podiatry)
Approval of Courses**

Executive Summary and Recommendations

1. Introduction

Two approvals visits have now taken place for Local Analgesia (LA) short courses for Chiropodists/Podiatrists. Questions were raised about whether it was appropriate to use the full set of Standards of Education & Training (apart from SET 1 - *Threshold Entry Standards*) for standalone short courses such as LA & POM (Prescription Only Medicine).

Many of the conditions which the Visitors set at the approved New College Durham Local Analgesia Approvals visit were also raised at the Local Analgesia visit recently held at Anglia Polytechnic University (APU). In addition, at APU further conditions were also laid down around SETs 3 and 4. All conditions at both visits were as a result of using the full set of Standards of Education & Training (excluding SET 1) as the criteria for assessment.

Following consideration of the Visitors' Reports from the LA & POM visits which had already taken place the Approvals Committee agreed, at its meeting on 2 February, to recommend to the Education & Training Committee that the full set of Standards of Education & Training (excluding SET 1) be used as the criteria for approval of LA and POM short courses.

2. Decision

The Committee is asked to **ratify the recommendation of the Approvals Committee** that:

- the full set of Standards of Education & Training (excluding SET 1) should be used as the criteria for assessing Local Analgesia and Prescription Only Medicine short courses.

3. Background information

The HPC requires to flag on the Register entitlement to practise Local Analgesia and Prescription Only Medicine for the appropriate registrants and, as such, these courses require to be approved by the HPC.

4. Resource implications

There are no resource implications.

5. Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

6. Background papers

None

7. Appendices
None

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