

Education and Training Committee – 26 March 2008

Historical approval of programmes leading to entitlements under the Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Order 1997

Executive summary and recommendations

This is a follow up paper to the papers entitled ‘Historical approval of programmes leading to entitlements under the Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Order 1997’ considered at the March 2007 and June 2007 meetings of the Education and Training Committee.

Introduction

We currently annotate the register to indicate where registrant chiropodists / podiatrists are qualified to administer local analgesia (LA) and to supply prescription only medicines (POM) under the Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Order 1997.

The 1997 order gave state registered chiropodists the legal entitlement to administer certain local anaesthetics within the programme of their practice without a prescription from a doctor, providing they held a ‘certificate of competence’ in the use of analgesics issued by the Chiropodists board of the CPSM. An amendment to the order in 1998 gave state registered chiropodists who held a certificate of competence in their use to supply certain prescription only medicines in programme of their professional practice.

At the Education and Training Committee in June 2007, it was agreed that thirteen standalone POM programmes, which had been historically approved by the Chiropodists board of the CPSM, would be approved by the HPC. This decision was based on the evidence supplied by the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists. The Committee also agreed that if these POM programmes completed a successful minor/major change submission, they would be able granted open-ended approval and could be delivered to future students.

At the Education and Training Committee in June 2007, it was also agreed that there was insufficient evidence to historically approve any standalone LA programmes, or any standalone POM programmes delivered at postgraduate level. The Committee agreed that the Executive should clarify the situation with the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists.

The Executive contacted the Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists and their responses are included as appendixes. As no additional information has come to light, there remains insufficient evidence for the Education and Training Committee to approve any standalone LA programmes, or any standalone POM programmes delivered at postgraduate level.

Decision

The Committee is requested to agree that there is insufficient evidence to historically approve any standalone LA programmes, or any standalone POM programmes delivered at postgraduate level.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Letter from HPC to Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists - date

Appendix 2 - Response from Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists to HPC - date

Appendix 3 - Letter from HPC to Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists - date

Appendix 4 - Response from Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists to HPC - date

Date of paper

14 March 2008

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05 December 2007

Dear Wilfred,

Re: Historically approved prescription only medicine and local anaesthetic entitlements

My name is Katherine Lock. I am an education officer for the Health Professions Council (HPC) and understand you have previously been in contact with my manager, Abigail Creighton.

I am writing in response to the HPC Education and Training Committee's decision to consider the historical approval of local anaesthetic (LA) and prescription only medicine (POM) stand alone programmes. I need to gain further information regarding the historical approval of these stand alone programmes before the committee can make this decision.

We received information from your predecessor, David Ashcroft, explaining the approval of stand alone POM programmes. Having now received the list of pre registration programmes including approved stand alone modules the Education and Training Committee has approved the list of historical stand alone pre-registration POM programmes. There were not, however, any M level modules included in this list or modules as part of post registration programmes. We have been contacted by education providers who have suggested there were some historically approved stand alone programmes at this level. Can you confirm if there were any post registration or M level stand alone POM programmes approved? If there were, can you please provide us with details of the education providers, when they were running and the titles of the programmes.

We also require more information for LA historically approved programmes. The Education and Training Committee wish to approve any historically approved stand alone LA programmes. Please can you provide evidence that the Society of Chiropodist and Podiatrists (SOCAP) approved any LA stand alone programmes on behalf of the CPSM board? The Education and Training

Committee can then consider approval of the programmes and those who have completed the programme can provide us with the certificate and have their name annotated on the register?

David Ashcroft explained how the pre-registration podiatry programmes were designed and said that much of the LA syllabus is now largely incorporated into a number of associated modules such as physiology, pharmacology etc and is rarely stand-alone, though there is still a separate examination in LA. It was unclear whether this meant that there were stand alone programmes approved by the CPSM board or not. He also explained that there was, and still is, a separate exam in LA specifically in pre-registration training programmes.

Therefore could you please confirm if any stand alone LA programmes were historically approved by the SOCAP on behalf of the CPSM board? If so, please can you provide us with details of the education providers, when they were running and the titles of the programmes?

Please could you also confirm if SOCAP approved, on behalf of the CPSM, a type of arrangement whereby students could take a separate LA exam and then be awarded with a certificate of competence in LA?

In order for the Education and Training Committee to approve these historical programmes we need the information as soon as possible. This will then prevent any disadvantaged students who are currently not able to use their historical award and have their name annotated on the register to receive this entitlement.

I look forward to hearing from you soon; if you have any further questions please email me at katherine.lock@hpc-uk.org or call me on 0207 840 9716.

Yours sincerely

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2 January 2008

Dear Ms Lock,

Re Historically Approved Prescription Only Medicines (POMs) and Local Anaesthetic (LA) Entitlements

Thank you for your letter of 5 December 2007. I provide a list of institutions offering training programmes together with the dates when POMs training was introduced. We have no historical information concerning the approval of stand-alone POMs modules at M-level.

Regarding LA, I enclose a list of institutions with dates going back to 1977.

I trust the above will meet your needs.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely

Dr Wilfred Foxe
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Year of approval of pharmacology course and approved programme of which they were a part

Year of approval of pharmacology	University	Course of which a part
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ University of Huddersfield. ➤ University of Southampton. ➤ London Foot Hospital. 	BSc (Hons) Podiatry
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mathew Boulton College. ➤ University of Salford. 	BSc (Hons) Podiatry
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ University of Brighton. 	BSc (Hons) Podiatry
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Queen Margaret University College Edinburgh. ➤ Nene University College Northampton. ➤ University of Plymouth. ➤ Queens University Belfast. 	BSc and BSc (Hons) Podiatry BSc (Hons) Podiatry BSc (Hons) Podiatry BMedSc Podiatry
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New College Durham. ➤ University of Wales Institute Cardiff. ➤ Glasgow Caledonian University. 	BSc (Hons) Podiatry BSc (Hons) Podiatry BSc (Hons) Podiatry

Local Anaesthesia

From 1977 it was compulsory for all schools to have LA incorporated into the full-time diploma course approved by the Chiropodists Board. From that date no chiropodist could qualify with eligibility for inclusion on the register of the Chiropodists Board without an LA Certificate. The Schools that did so were:

1. Llandaff Technical College, Cardiff School of Chiropody
 2. Glasgow Foot Clinic and School of Chiropody
 3. Northern College of Chiropody, Salford Technical College
 4. Matthew Boulton College, Birmingham School of Chiropody
 5. Edinburgh Foot Clinic and School of Chiropody
 6. Durham Technical College School of Chiropody
 7. London Foot Hospital and School of Chiropody
 8. Chelsea School of Chiropody, Paddington Technical College
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9. In 1978 the Polytechnic of Huddersfield, School of Chiropody opened (and included LA in the syllabus)
 10. In 1979 the Northern Ireland School opened at Belfast Technical College (with LA in the syllabus)
 11. In 1980 the Plymouth School opened at Plymouth College of Further Education (with LA in the syllabus)
 12. In 1982 the Sussex School opened at Brighton Polytechnic (with LA in the syllabus)
 13. In 1985 the Northampton School opened at Nene College (with LA in the syllabus)
 14. In 1987 the Wessex School opened at La Sainte Union College Southampton (with LA in the syllabus)
 15. In 1990 the West Midlands School opened at Birmingham Polytechnic (with LA in the syllabus)

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January 29, 2008

Dear Wilfred,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 January 2008 regarding historically approved LA and POM programmes.

The information received about the standalone POM programmes was useful in confirming the historical situation. I intend to update the HPC's Education and Training Committee at their next meeting on 26 March 2008.

I would like to also update the Education and Training Committee on the historical situation with LA programmes, but just need to clarify a few points with you beforehand. The information provided suggests that those institutions listed were approved as having the LA component incorporated into their full-time diploma course. Can you confirm whether any of these institutions had the LA component approved as a stand alone programme as well? Were arrangements in place that allowed students to undertake specific LA related teaching and assessment at all (or some) of these institutions in order to receive the certificate of competence in LA?

The Education and Training Committee wish to approve any historically approved stand alone LA programmes. To date there is no evidence to show that any existed, but I just wanted to be in no doubt that this was the position.

If you have any queries please email me at abigail.creighton@hpc-uk.org or call me on 0207 840 9769.

Yours sincerely

Abigail Creighton
Head of Education

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5 March 2008

Dear Ms Creighton

Thank you for your letter of 29 January 2008 regarding historically-approved stand-alone modules in local anaesthetic (LA). I am afraid all the information I have was presented in my letter of 2 January 2008. Regrettably, I can neither confirm nor deny the existence of LA modules outside that context; all potentially relevant material held by this Society has long since been archived.

I wish you well in your endeavours.

Yours faithfully,

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