

## Major Change Visitors' Report

<b>Name of education provider</b>	University of Southampton
<b>Validating body / awarding body</b>	n/a
<b>Programme Name</b>	MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration)
<b>Mode of delivery</b>	Full time
<b>Relevant part of HPC Register</b>	Physiotherapy
<b>Date of submission to HPC</b>	7 May 2008

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## Executive summary

The Health Professions Council (HPC) approves educational programmes in the UK which health professionals must complete before they can apply to be registered with us. The HPC approve programmes on an open-ended basis which requires that, when significant changes occur to a programme, we receive notification and are able to ensure all our standards continue to be met. The HPC is a health regulator and our main aim is to protect the public. The HPC currently regulates 13 professions. All of these professions have at least one professional title which is protected by law. This means that anyone using the title 'Physiotherapist' must be registered with us. The HPC keeps a register of health professionals who meet our standards for their training, professional skills, behaviour and health.

The major change visitors' report which follows outlines the recommended outcome made by the visitors on the ongoing approval of the programme. The visitors' recommended outcome is that there is insufficient evidence to show how the standards of education and training are being met and it was not certain that those who complete the programme will continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency. An approval visit is required to collect more evidence and if necessary place conditions on the ongoing approval of the programme.

## Introduction

The education provider contacted the HPC to notify of changes occurring to the programme that may have an impact on the standards of education and training and the standards of proficiency. The nature of the change required additional scrutiny by visitors to determine whether the programme continued to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme demonstrated a continued ability to meet the standards of proficiency.

## Major change submission details

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## Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

The programme leader on the programme has changed. The education provider has provided a CV for scrutiny.

## Sources of evidence

To show how the programme continued to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency the education provider submitted the following documentation:

### Curriculum vitae for relevant staff

After initial scrutiny of these documents the following additional documentation was requested to assist the visitors in the assessment of the change(s):

- A clear statement of the full title that the course leader will have.
- Evidence from the professionally qualified members of the course team of how they will communicate profession specific matters to the course leader.
- Evidence of current or previous management responsibilities within the BSc (Hons) and MSc programmes.
- Detail of areas of the Human Movement and Therapeutic Exercise Modules that Robert Shannon has taught.
- Experience of either internal or external examining of approved physiotherapy programmes.

## Recommended outcome

To recommend a programme for ongoing approval, the visitors must be assured that the programme meets all of the standards of education and training (SETs) and that those who complete the programme have demonstrated an ability to meet our standards of proficiency (SOPs) for their part of the Register.

The visitors agreed to recommend to the Education and Training Committee that there is insufficient evidence to determine if or how the programme continues to meet the following standards of education and training:

### **3.3 There must be a named programme leader who has overall responsibility for the programme and who should be either on the relevant part of the HPC Register or otherwise appropriately qualified and experienced.**

**Reason:** The visitors noted that the programme leader was appropriately qualified and experienced to deliver the programme as long as the role was supported adequately by the “professional lead”. However, the visitors were unclear how the education provider committed to ensuring that the programme was always supported by an appropriate professional lead.

Following the receipt and initial assessment of this change, a range of other significant changes to the programme were submitted separately. These changes indicated the requirement of a visit. The visitors recommended that the programme leader discussions be taken forward to the visit and be assessed alongside the other proposed changes.

Therefore, a visit is recommended to gather more evidence and if required place conditions on ongoing approval of the programme.

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