

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	King's College, London
Programme Name	MSc Physiotherapy
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Physiotherapy
Date of submission to HPC	23 October 2008

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Executive summary

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Introduction

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Karen Harrison (Physiotherapist) Kathleen Bosworth (Physiotherapist)
HPC executive officer	Mrs Tracey Samuel-Smith

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

The Programme Leader on the programme has changed. The programme leader was previously Dr Claire White, and is now Mrs Ros Hilton. 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:

Mapping document providing evidence of how the education provider has met the SETs

Curriculum vitae for relevant staff

Details of staffing levels and expertise across the programme

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 sufficient evidence to show the programme continues to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme will continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency.

Kathleen Bosworth

Karen Harrison

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	Sheffield Hallam University
Programme Name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of delivery	Part time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Occupational Therapy
Date of submission to HPC	24 September 2008

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Vivien Kilgour (Occupational Therapist) Nicola Spalding (Occupational Therapist)
HPC executive officer	Elisa Simeoni

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

The course leader on the programme has changed. The programme leader was previously Lynda Hawley, and is now Julie Coleman. The education provider has provided a CV for scrutiny.

Moreover, the education provider informed HPC about the recruitment of 2 new members of staff for the programme team.

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):

More contextual information about the programme was requested:

- The current student cohort number;
- some clarification about whether the 2 new staff were additional staff or replacement staff; and
- some clarification about number of staff in the programme team.

Recommended outcome

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Vivien Kilgour
Nicola Spalding

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	City University
Programme Name	Radiotherapy Bridging course leading to BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy & Oncology)
Mode of delivery	Part time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Radiography
Relevant modality	Therapeutic Radiography
Date of submission to HPC	October 2008

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Shaaron Pratt (Radiographer) Paul Brown (Radiographer)
HPC executive officer	Mandy Hargood

Summary of change

SET 2 Programme admissions

Admission requirements changed to enable students completing foundation degree (with merit or above) to progress into bridging programme leading to BSc (Hons).

SET 3 Programme Management & Resource Standards

New bridging programme lead (Mr. D. Flinton),

SET 4 Curriculum standards

Three new modules presented within pathway, (Competence to Practice 4a and 4b and Planning 2). Other modules are part of recognised BSc (Hons) programme.

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:

Programme specification

Descriptions of the modules

Mapping document providing evidence of how the education provider has met the SETs

Practice placement handbook

Student handbook

Curriculum vitae for relevant staff

External examiners' reports

Recommended outcome

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Shaaron Pratt
Paul Brown

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	De Montfort University
Programme Name	BSc (Hons) Human Communication - Speech and Language Therapy
Mode of delivery	FT and PT
Relevant part of HPC Register	Speech and Language Therapy
Date of submission to HPC	9 October 2008

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Elspeth McCartney (Speech and Language Therapist) Jeanette Seaman (Speech and Language Therapist)
HPC executive officer	Osama Ammar

Summary of change

SET 6 Assessment standards

A number of changes have been made to assessments throughout the programme as a result of student feedback. The programme team reviewed the assessment process with an aim to maintain the quality of the assessment process but reduce the overall number of assessments.

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:

- Summary of the changes to assessment
- Descriptions of the modules prior to amendment
- Amended descriptions of the modules

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

- Additional information relating to module descriptors to confirm that phonetic transcription skills must be separately assessed and cannot be compensated for by other assessment element'

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Elsbeth McCartney
Jeanette Seaman

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of Essex
Programme Name	Practice Certificate in Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals
Mode of delivery	Part time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Podiatrists, physiotherapists, radiographers
Relevant entitlement(s)	Supplementary Prescribing
Date of submission to HPC	24 November 2008

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	James Pickard (Podiatrist)
HPC executive officer	Mandy Hargood

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

New programme leader appointed.

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:

Letter of explanation from Head of School
Curriculum vitae of new programme lead

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James Pickard