

## Education and Training Committee – 11 June 2009

### Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes

#### Executive summary and recommendations

This paper seeks to agree the list of approved programmes for practitioner psychologists, which will become effective from the date of the register opening (1 July 2009). The Education and Training Committee is asked to agree a list of currently approved programmes as well as a list of programmes which were approved historically for specific periods. The recommended lists are based on the accreditation information available from the British Psychological Society (BPS).

#### **Introduction**

Article 15(8) of the Health Professions Order provides that:

- “(8) The Council shall maintain and publish a list of the courses of education and training, qualifications and institutions –
- (a) which are for the time being approved under this Order: or
  - (b) which have been approved under this Order but which are no longer approved, together with a record of the periods in respect of which they were approved.”

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 5 of the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 provides that:

“(1) The HPC and the BPS, and the HPC and the AEP, shall enter into arrangements (which may include financial arrangements) to facilitate the introduction of the new arrangements for the statutory regulation of practitioner psychologists arising out of this Order

“(2) The arrangements entered into under paragraph (1) shall include arrangements to ensure that all the names in the BPS register and the AEP register which are to be entered in the HPC register with effect from the appointed day for practitioner psychologists are so entered.”

In turn, schedule 2(16) of the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 outlines amendments to schedule 3 of the Health Professions Order 2001. The amendment of schedule 3 refers to the following definitions;

““AEP register” means the aggregate of the entries in the membership list maintained by the Association of Educational Psychologists (which held its inaugural meeting at the London School of Economics on 14th April 1962

and was founded on that date(49)) that relate to full members of the Association;”;

““BPS register” means the aggregate of the entries in the register maintained by the British Psychological Society (which was incorporated by Royal Charter on 26th February 1965(50)) that relate to holders of practising certificates who are full members of one or more of the divisions of the Society in respect of the following branches of psychology: clinical psychology; counselling psychology; educational psychology; forensic psychology; health psychology; occupational psychology; and sport and exercise psychology;”

Therefore, it is necessary for the Committee to maintain and publish lists of approved programmes for practitioner psychologists. These lists should take into consideration the register transfer arrangements outlined above.

### **Current arrangements with the Association of Educational Psychologists and British Psychological Society**

The Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP) does not approve programmes for entry onto their register. They rely on the accreditation procedures of the British Psychological Society (BPS).

The BPS has a long history of accrediting programmes for entry onto their register. The BPS accredit a number of programmes which lead directly to eligibility to hold a practising certificate and become a full member of one of their divisions (e.g. doctorates or ‘stage 1’ programmes). They also award their own qualifications which are aimed at students who do not wish to attend a higher education institution. These ‘society qualifications’ lead directly to eligibility to hold a practising certificate and become a full member of one of their divisions. In addition, the BPS accredit a number of programmes which do not lead directly to eligibility to hold a practising certificate and become a full member of one of their divisions (e.g. undergraduate, conversion & masters or ‘stage 1’ programmes). They also accredit a number of programmes for those who already hold a practising certificate and are full members of one of their divisions (e.g. neuropsychology).

In line with the register transfer criteria, it is proposed that only those programmes which currently allow students to gain a practising certificate and full membership of one or more of the BPS divisions below should be granted open ended approval by the HPC.

- Division of Clinical Psychology;
- Division of Counselling Psychology;
- Division of Educational and Child Psychology;
- Scottish Division of Educational Psychology;
- Division of Forensic Psychology;
- Division of Health Psychology;
- Division of Occupational Psychology; and
- Division of Sport and Exercise Psychology.

Appendix 1 provides a list of these current programmes. This list was based on information provided by the BPS on 13 & 28 May 2009.

## **Historical arrangements with the Association of Educational Psychologists and British Psychological Society**

The Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP) has never approved programmes for entry onto their register. They have always relied on the accreditation procedures of the British Psychological Society (BPS).

The BPS has a long history of accrediting programmes for entry onto their register. Traditionally, the training routes for most practitioner psychologists have involved an element of academic (theory) learning and an element of practical (placement or supervised practice) learning. In most cases, the two elements were distinct with the academic learning being completed before the practical learning begun. However, in some circumstances the two elements were completed concurrently. Traditionally, the BPS accreditation process has focused on accrediting these elements separately. In the main, they accredited academic masters programmes delivered by Higher Education Institutions and awarded their own qualifications to cover the practical learning. Applicants then had to demonstrate a combination of the two elements to be eligible to gain a practising certificate and become a full member of one of their divisions. In more recent years, the BPS has accredited a small number of programmes that lead directly to eligibility to hold a practising certificate and become a full member of one of their divisions. It is proposed that these programmes are approved (for the historical periods) so that any one of has completed these programmes can apply for registration with the HPC, via the UK approved programme route, after the register opens.

The BPS also has a long history of processing applications for practising certificate and membership of one of their divisions. Historically, their accreditation and application processes have worked together to ensure that applicants have the appropriate knowledge and experience to gain a practising certificate and become a full member of one of their divisions. The application processing stage has allowed the BPS to assess applicants' prior knowledge and experience that is additional to their accredited qualification. This has allowed the BPS to use a system that relies on a 'combination of evidence' to demonstrate that their standards have been met. It is proposed that these 'combination routes' are approved (for the historical periods) so that any one of has completed these 'combination routes' can apply for registration with the HPC, via the UK approved programme route, after the register opens. This

Appendix 2 provides a list of these historic programmes. This list was based on information provided by the BPS on 13 & 28 May and 1 June 2009.

Appendix 3 provides a list of these historic combination routes. This list was based on information provided by the BPS on 13 & 28 May and 1 June 2009.

## **HPC's list of approved programmes**

The HPC's 'register of approved programmes' is only available on-line. It is proposed that the list of approved programmes for practitioner psychologists is published, with the relevant caveats, ahead of the register opening on 1 July 2009. This would ensure that education providers who are currently unclear whether their programme will be approved by the HPC or not, receive clear and effective information at the earliest opportunity. Once the register is opened, the list would adopt the same format as the existing thirteen professions.

**Decision**

The Committee is asked to agree the following:

- To grant open ended approval to the programmes outlined in appendix 1 (subject to receiving the final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing);
- To approve the programmes for the historical periods outlined in appendix 2 (subject to receiving the final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing);
- To confirm that the programmes outlined in appendix 2 are no longer approved (subject to receiving the final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing);
- To approve the combination routes for the historical periods outlined in appendix 3 (subject to receiving the final data from the BPS, any subsequent editing and legal advice);
- To confirm that the combination routes outlined in appendix 3 are no longer approved (subject to receiving the final data from the BPS, any subsequent editing and legal advice);
- To publish the appropriate lists of approved programmes; and
- To agree that the above decisions will become effective from the date of the register opening (1 July 2009)

**Background information**

None

**Resource implications**

Accounted for in 2009-2010 Education work plan and budget.

**Financial implications**

Accounted for in 2009-2010 Education work plan and budget.

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 – List of currently approved programmes

Appendix 2 – List of historically approved programmes (individual programmes)

Appendix 3 – List of historically approved programmes (combination routes)

**Date of paper**

1 June 2009

Appendix 1 – List of currently approved programmes

Part of the register: Practitioner psychologists			Programme title	Mode
Protected title	Education provider			
Clinical psychologist	Bangor University		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D.Clin.Psy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Birmingham, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Canterbury Christ Church University		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsychol)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Cardiff University		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Coventry, University of & Warwick, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D.Clin.Psy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	East Anglia, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	East London, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Edinburgh, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Flexible
Clinical psychologist	Edinburgh, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsychol)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Essex, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Exeter, University of		Doctorate in Clinical and Community Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Glasgow, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Hertfordshire, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Hull, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Institute of Psychiatry		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Keele, University of & Staffordshire,		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Lancaster University		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Leeds, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsychol)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Leicester, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Lincoln, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsy)	Full-time
Clinical psychologist	Liverpool, University of		Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full-time

<b>Part of the register: Practitioner psychologists</b>		
<b>Protected title</b>	<b>Education provider</b>	<b>Programme title</b>
Clinical psychologist	Manchester, University of	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD)
Clinical psychologist	Newcastle University	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)
Clinical psychologist	Nottingham, University of	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsy)
Clinical psychologist	Oxford, University of	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsychol)
Clinical psychologist	Plymouth, University of	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsy)
Clinical psychologist	Queen's University of Belfast	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsych)
Clinical psychologist	Royal Holloway	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsy)
Clinical psychologist	Sheffield, University of	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsy)
Clinical psychologist	Southampton, University of	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsychol)
Clinical psychologist	Surrey, University of	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (PsychD)
Clinical psychologist	Teesside, University of	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsy)
Clinical psychologist	University College London	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsych)
Counselling psychologist	British Psychological Society	Qualification in Counselling Psychology
Counselling psychologist	City University	Doctorate in Counselling Psychology (Dpsych)
Counselling psychologist	East London, University of	Professional Doctorate in Counselling Psychology
Counselling psychologist	Glasgow Caledonian University & Strathclyde, University of	Doctorate in Counselling Psychology
Counselling psychologist	London Metropolitan University	Professional Doctorate in Counselling Psychology
Counselling psychologist	Metanoia Institute	Doctorate in Counselling Psychology & Psychotherapy by Professional Studies (DCPsych)
Counselling psychologist	New School of Psychotherapy & Counselling & Middlesex University	Existential Counselling Psychology & Psychotherapy (Dpsych)
Counselling psychologist	Roehampton University	PsychD in Counselling Psychology (PsychD)
Counselling psychologist	Surrey, University of	PsychD Psychotherapeutic and Counselling Psychology (PsychD)
Counselling psychologist	Teesside, University of	Doctorate in Counselling Psychology (DCounsPsy)

<b>Part of the register: Practitioner psychologists</b>		
<b>Protected title</b>	<b>Education provider</b>	<b>Programme title</b>
Counselling psychologist	West of England, University of the	Professional Doctorate in Counselling Psychology
Counselling psychologist	Wolverhampton, University of	Practitioner Doctorate in Counselling Psychology (DcounsPsy)
Educational psychologist	Birmingham, University of	Applied Educational & Child Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Bristol, University of	Educational Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	British Psychological Society	Award in Educational Psychology (Scotland)
Educational psychologist	Cardiff University	Educational Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	East London, University of	Educational and Child Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Exeter, University of	Educational, Child & Community Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Institute of Education	Educational Child & Adolescent Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Manchester, University of	Educational and Child Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Newcastle University	Doctorate in Applied Educational Psychology
Educational psychologist	Nottingham, University of	Applied Educational Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Queen's University of Belfast	Doctorate in Educational, Child & Adolescent Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Sheffield, University of	Educational Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Southampton, University of	Educational Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	Tavistock & Portman NHS Trust	Child, Community & Educational Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Educational psychologist	University College London	Educational and Child Psychology (D.Ed.Psy)
Forensic psychologist	Birmingham, University of	Doctorate in Forensic Psychology Practice

<b>Part of the register: Practitioner psychologists</b>		
<b>Protected title</b>	<b>Education provider</b>	<b>Programme title</b>
		<b>Mode</b>
Forensic psychologist	British Psychological Society	(ForenPsyD)
Health psychologist	British Psychological Society	Diploma in Forensic Psychology
Health psychologist	City University	Qualification in Health Psychology
Health psychologist	Queen Margaret University	Doctorate in Health Psychology (Dpsych)
Health psychologist	Southampton, University of	Professional Doctorate in Health Psychology
Health psychologist	Staffordshire University	Health Psychology Research & Professional Practice (PhD)
Health psychologist	Surrey, University of	Doctorate in Health Psychology
Health psychologist	West of England, University of the	Health Psychology (PhD)& PG Cert in Health Psychological Practice
Occupational psychologist	British Psychological Society	Doctorate in Health Psychology
Sports and exercise psychologist	British Psychological Society	Qualification in Occupational Psychology
		Qualification in Sport and Exercise Psychology
		Flexible



Appendix 2 – List of historically approved programmes (individual programmes)

Protected title	Education provider	Programme title	Period of approval
Clinical Psychologist	British Psychological Society	Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology	1988 – 2009 intakes
Clinical Psychologist	British Psychological Society	Diploma in Clinical Psychology	1975 – 2002 intakes
Clinical psychologist	Queen's University Belfast	MSc Abnormal Psychology	1973 – 1994 intakes
Clinical psychologist	University of Exeter	MSc Clinical and Community Psychology	1976 – 1994 intakes
Clinical psychologist	University of Hull	MSc Clinical Psychology	1986 – 1991 intakes
Clinical psychologist	University of Leicester	MSc Clinical Psychology	1982 – 1994 intakes
Clinical psychologist	University of Plymouth	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (Bristol) (DclinPsy)	2001 - 2007 intakes
Clinical psychologist	University of Plymouth and the University of Exeter	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsy)	2001 – 2003 intakes
Clinical psychologist	Regent College	Doctorate in Counselling Psychology (DCounsPsy)	2005 - 2008 intakes
Health psychologist	City University	Stage 2 Training in Health Psychology (PostMscDip)	2003 & 2004 intakes
Health psychologist	Kings College London & University College London.	Stage 2 Training in Health Psychology (PhD)	2003 – 2007 intakes
Health psychologist	Kings College London & University College London.	Stage 2 Training in Health Psychology (MPhil)	2003 & 2004 intakes

Appendix 3 – List of historically approved programmes (combination routes)

<b>Protected title</b>	<b>Combinations of evidence</b>	<b>Education providers</b>	<b>Period of approval</b>
Clinical psychologist	Accredited Masters, plus statement of clinical competence (one year supervised practice)	Accredited education providers + British Psychological Society	Varies according to education provider accreditation status. 1965 – 1985 intakes
Clinical Psychologist	British Psychological Society + Whitley Council	In-service training within the NHS (three years)	1965 – 1985 intakes
Counselling Psychologist	Any combination of postgraduate programmes (accredited programmes or Society qualifications) that equate to the components of the BPS's Diploma in Counselling Psychology. There are three specific components; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 1 (underpinning knowledge)</li> <li>• Component 10 of Part 2 (research)</li> <li>• Remainder of Part 2 (practice).</li> </ul>	Any combination of accredited education providers and/or British Psychological Society	1965 – 2004 intakes
Counselling Psychologist	Statement of equivalence in Counselling Psychologist	British Psychological Society	1965 – 1995 intakes
Educational Psychologists	Accredited Masters, plus one year supervised practice (England, Wales, Northern Ireland)	Accredited education providers + individual references	Varies according to education provider accreditation status.
Educational Psychologists	Accredited Masters, plus one year's supervised practice in a Society-accredited educational psychology service (Scotland)	Accredited education providers + individual references	Varies according to education provider accreditation status.
Educational Psychologists	Diploma in Educational Psychology , plus one year supervised practice in an LEA setting	British Psychological Society + individual references	1975 - 2002 intakes
Forensic Psychologists	Accredited Masters, plus two years supervised practice	Accredited education providers + individual references	Varies according to education provider accreditation status.
Forensic Psychologists	Certificate in Forensic Psychology, plus two years	British Psychological Society +	1998-2001 intakes

<b>Protected title</b>	<b>Combinations of evidence</b>	<b>Education providers</b>	<b>Period of approval</b>
	supervised practice	individual references	
Forensic Psychologists	In-service training within the Home Office. (three years)	Individual references	1965 – 1993 intakes
Health Psychologists	Accredited Masters, plus two years supervised practice	Accredited education providers + individual references	Varies according to education provider accreditation status.
Occupational Psychologists	Accredited Masters, plus two years supervised practice	Accredited education providers + Division of Occupational Psychology sign off on logbook.	Varies according to education provider accreditation status.
Occupational Psychologists	In-service training within the Department for Trade and Industry. (three years)	Individual references	1965 - 1993 intakes
Occupational Psychologists	Postgraduate Certificate in Occupational Psychology (PCOP) plus of two years' supervised practice	British Psychological Society + Division of Occupational Psychology sign off on logbook.	1994 – 2007 intakes