

Name of education provider	Oxford Brookes University
Programme Name	Dip HE Operating Department Practice
Mode of delivery	Full time
	Part time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Operating Department Practice
Date of submission to HPC	1 August 2008

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

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Stephen Oates (Operating department practitioner) Colin Keiley (Operating department practitioner)
HPC executive officer	Anne Shomefun

Summary of change

SET 6 Assessment standards

Assessment methods have changed across a number of modules in the programme. The number of modules are significant enough to require review.

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:

Descriptions of the modules

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.

Stephen Oates Colin Keiley



Name of education provider	Oxford Brookes University
Programme Name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of delivery	Full time
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Relevant part of HPC Register	Occupational therapy
Date of submission to HPC	1 August 2008

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Sarah Johnson (Occupational therapist) Jennifer Caldwell (Occupational therapist)
HPC executive officer	Anne Shomefun

Summary of change

SET 2 Programme Admissions

A change has occurred to the specific admissions requirements for the programme.

SET 4 Curriculum standards

There has been a significant review of learning outcomes and teaching methods

SET 5 Practice placement standards

Changes have been made to practice placement weighting and location

SET 6 Assessment standards

Assessment methods have changed across a number of modules in the programme. The number of modules and the credit weightings attached to them are significant enough to require review.

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:

Professional Practice module descriptions

Modules outline

Curriculum vitae for relevant staff

Learning outcomes for U43700PIP1 and where they will be in revised U43710 Partnerships 1 or other modules

Accreditation of prior learning policy

Recruitment policy

Staff development plan

Practice Education handbook

Practice Education News

Generic marking criteria

Students Handbook 2008/2009

Recommended outcome

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Jennifer Caldwell Sarah Johnson



Name of education provider	Oxford Brookes University
Programme Name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Physiotherapy
Date of submission to HPC	1 August 2008

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Major change submission details

·	Liz Holey (Physiotherapist) Anthony Power (Physiotherapist)
HPC executive officer	Anne Shomefun

Summary of change

SET 4 Curriculum standards

There has been a significant review of learning outcomes and teaching methods

SET 5 Practice placements standards

Changes have been made to practice placement weighting and location

SET 6 Assessment standards

Assessment methods have changed across a number of modules in the programme. The number of modules and the credit weightings attached to them are significant enough to require review.

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

Recommended outcome

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Liz Holey Anthony Power



Name of education provider	Oxford Brookes University
Programme Name	Foundation Degree Paramedic Emergency Care
	Full time
Mode of delivery	Part time
	Mixed mode
Relevant part of HPC Register	Paramedic
Date of submission to HPC	1 August 2008

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Marcus Bailey (Paramedic) Susan Boardman (Paramedic)
HPC executive officer	Anne Shomefun

Summary of change

SET 4 Curriculum standards

There has been a significant review of learning outcomes and teaching methods

SET 5 Practice placement standards

Changes have been made to practice placement weighting and location

SET 6 Assessment standards

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Sources of evidence

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Descriptions of the modules

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

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

Clarification on how the Inter-professional learning aspect of the programme is taught.

Table of Assessments

Documentation that articulates the assessment methods against the learner outcomes.

Recommended outcome

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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.

Marcus Bailey Sue Boardman



Name of education provider	University of Derby
Programme Name	MA Art Therapy
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Arts Therapies
Relevant modality	Art Therapy
Date of submission to HPC	27 th November 2008

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Simon Willoughby-Booth (Art Therapist) Diane Gammage (Dramatherapist)
HPC executive officer	Osama Ammar

Summary of change

SET 4 Curriculum standards

Three modules have been combined into two. This allows for greater opportunities for interprofessional learning with the MA Dramatherapy and embeds research within the theoretical elements of the training.

SET 6 Assessment standards

The assessment process for clinical placement and clinical supervision modules has been combined to include the placement modules within the credit tariff.

Assessment strategies have been changed to match the revised module structure.

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:

Validation Document

Module descriptors

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

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

Programme handbook

Admissions details

Appendices (including assessment regulations and equality and diversity policies)

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

Revised and updated programme handbook Updated mapping templates Mapping document of programme aims against modules

Recommended outcome

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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.

Mr Simon Willoughby-Booth Ms Diane Gammage



Name of education provider	Queen Margaret University
Programme Name	Pharmacology for Podiatrists
Mode of delivery	Part time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Chiropody/Podiatry
Date of submission to HPC	17 April 2009

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As well as approving educational programmes for people who want to join the Register, the HPC also approve a small number of programmes for those already on the Register. The post-registration programmes we currently approve are supplementary prescribing programmes (for chiropodists / podiatrists, radiographers and physiotherapists) and programmes in local anaesthetics and prescription-only medicine (for chiropodists / podiatrists).

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Miss Anne S H Wilson (Podiatrist)
HPC executive officer	Anne Shomefun

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

Change of Programme Leader

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

Curriculum vitae of course leader

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

Curriculum vitae of all relevant staff

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 this entitlement'.

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.

Anne S.H.Wilson



Name of education provider	University of the West of England, Bristol	
Programme Name	BSc Hons Physiotherapy	
Mode of delivery	Full Time	
Relevant part of HPC Register	Physiotherapy	
Date of submission to HPC	20 January 2009	

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Kathleen Bosworth (Physiotherapist)
HPC executive officer	Mandy Hargood

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

The programme leader has changed from Jenny Dye to Lesley Gillon.

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

Recommended outcome

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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



Name of education provider	University of Chester
Programme Name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of delivery	Part time
Relevant entitlement(s)	Supplementary Prescribing
Date of submission to HPC	15 March 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitor	James M Pickard (Podiatrist)
HPC executive officer	Brendon Edmonds

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

3.2 & 3.3 – Change of programme leader

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

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James M Pickard



Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of the West of England, Bristol
Programme Name	Prescribing Principles Level 3 and Level M
Mode of delivery	Part Time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Chiropody / Podiatry Radiography Physiotherapy
Relevant entitlement(s)	Supplementary Prescribing
Date of submission to HPC	29 January 2009

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Major change submission details

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

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

Change of programme leader from Judy Forward to Claire Fulbrooke -Scanlon.

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

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James Pickard



Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	Northumbria University
Programme Name	Prescribing for Non Medical Health Professionals
Mode of delivery	Part Time Flexible
Relevant part of HPC Register	Chiropody / Podiatry Radiography Physiotherapy
Relevant entitlement(s)	Supplementary Prescribing
Date of submission to HPC	8 April 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitor	James M Pickard (Podiatrist)
HPC executive officer	Brendon Edmonds

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

3.2 & 3.3 – Change of programme leader

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Curriculum vitae for relevant staff

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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.

James M Pickard



Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	Staffordshire University
Programme Name	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals
Mode of delivery	Part time
Relevant entitlement(s)	Supplementary Prescribing
Date of submission to HPC	17 April 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	James Petter (Paramedic)
HPC executive officer	Brendon Edmonds

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

3.2 & 3.3 – Change of programme leader

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Curriculum vitae for relevant staff

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James Petter



Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	Anglia Ruskin University
Programme Name	DipHE Operating Department Practice
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Operating Department Practitioner
Date of submission to HPC	4 March 2009

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

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Julie Weir (Operating Department Practitioner) Diane Lester (Operating Department Practitioner)
HPC executive officer	Mandy Hargood

Summary of change

SET 6 Assessment standards

Assessment methods have changed across a number of modules in the programme. This was as a result of feedback from students and practice placement educators that there was over-assessment in practice. As a result the education provider has reduced the amount of written evidence required in practice placements by removing the 1000 words of written evidence per learning contract (3000 word reflective commentaries) and balancing the number of taught hours in the relevant compulsory modules in accordance with the College of Operating Department Practitioners (CODP).

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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

Module planner/timetable

Assessment Criteria and Marking Standards

Practice Competencies Assessment

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Julie Weir Diane Lester



Major Change Visitor's Report

Name of education provider	University of Huddersfield
Programme Name	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals
Mode of delivery	Part time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Chiropody / Podiatry, Physiotherapy and Radiography
Relevant entitlement(s)	Supplementary prescribing
Date of submission to HPC	1 April 2009

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As well as approving educational programmes for people who want to join the Register, the HPC also approve a small number of programmes for those already on the Register. The post-registration programmes we currently approve are supplementary prescribing programmes (for chiropodists / podiatrists, radiographers and physiotherapists) and programmes in local anaesthetics and prescription-only medicine (for chiropodists / podiatrists).

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	David Whitmore (Paramedic)
HPC executive officer	Osama Ammar

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

The programme leader has changed from Val Mills to James Jones. The education provider submitted a CV of the new programme leader for scrutiny.

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

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David Whitmore



Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	Queen Margaret University
Programme Name	Graduate Diploma in Speech & Language Therapy
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of submission to HPC	23 January 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Gillian Stevenson (Speech and Language Therapist)
HPC executive officer	Anne Shomefun

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

Change of programme leader from Professor Fiona Gibbon to Dr Ann Clark. This is a permanent change.

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 – Dr Ann Clark

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Gillian Stevenson



Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Name	Dip HE Paramedic Practice
Mode of delivery	Full time
	Part time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Paramedic
Date of submission to HPC	19 November 2008

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Marcus Bailey (Paramedic) Bob Dobson (Paramedic)
HPC executive officer	Paula Lescott

Summary of change

SET 1 Level of qualification for entry to the Register Change award from foundation degree to Diploma of Higher Education

SET 2 Programme admissions

New programme and pathway for ambulance Trust employee's and external candidates.

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards Changes to business plan Review of resources including appropriate tutoring staff.

SET 4 Curriculum standards
Changes to modules and course format

SET 5 Practice placements standards

SET 6 Assessment standards

Utilising more workbased learning and associated assessment strategy Appointment of new external examiners.

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:

Major change report
Student handbook
New course information
SOP mapping
SET mapping
Associated support documents.

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

External Examiner – CV's

HPC and BPA mapping documents

Secondment agreement

Recruitment process and associated documents

Practice achievement record

Additional information in respect of written response to further information request from Visitors.

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Marcus Bailey Bob Dobson