

Education and Training Committee – 10 March 2010

Practitioner psychologists - List of approved programmes (current and historic)

Introduction

At the meeting of the Committee on 11 June 2009, the Committee agreed the list of currently approved practitioner psychologist programmes as well as the list of programmes which were approved historically for specific periods. These recommended lists were based on accreditation information received from the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Following this date the Education Department received further information which resulted in minor changes to the list of currently approved programmes and provided greater clarification for the list of programmes which were approved historically. At the meeting of the Committee on 25 November 2009 the Committee agreed the amended programme lists.

This paper is a follow up to the paper of the 25 November 2009 Committee to address further changes to the lists of current and historically approved programmes. The Committee is now asked to agree the amendments listed in Appendix one and two as final.

Background information

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;”

It is therefore necessary for the Committee to maintain and publish lists of approved programmes for practitioner psychologists.

List of approved programmes

At its meeting of 11 June 2009, the Committee agreed the list of currently approved programmes subject to receiving final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing. This list was published on the website, with the relevant caveats, ahead of the Register opening to provide education providers with clear and effective information about whether their programme would be approved by the HPC or not.

As of the 1 July 2009, these programmes were granted open ended approval and the online list of approved programmes was changed to adopt the same format as the other thirteen professions. This list was presented to Committee on 22 September with minor amendments.

Since the Education and Training Committee on 25 November 2009 the Education department has received amendments from the BPS in relation to the historically approved programmes that have indicated that there have been changes to the approval dates and amendments to titles of currently approved programmes. Appendix 1 contains the final recommended list of approved programmes. For ease of reference the reason that the changes have been made are noted in the final column of the table in Appendix 1.

List of historically approved programmes

At its meeting of 11 June 2009, the Committee also agreed to approve individual programmes and ‘combination routes’ for historical periods, subject to receiving final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing. These decisions became effective from 1 July 2009 and the lists have been published on the website.

Following the receipt of final data from the BPS which provided the Department with greater clarification and allowed the individual programmes and ‘combination

routes' to be recorded as one list of historically approved programmes the amended list was presented to Committee on 22 September 2009.

Since the 25 November 2009 Committee, there have been further minor amendments to the list of historically approved programmes following discussions and additional evidence supplied by the BPS. Appendix 2 contains the final recommended list of historically approved programmes. For ease of reference the reason that the changes have been made are noted in the final column of the table in Appendix 2.

Decision

The Committee is therefore asked to agree the following:

- To accept the amendments to the currently approved programmes outlined in Appendix 1.
- To accept the amendments to the historically approved programmes outlined in Appendix 2.

Background information

Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes paper (11 June 2009).

Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper (22 September 2009).

Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper (25 November 2009).

Minutes of the Committee meeting (11 June 2009).

Minutes of the Committee meeting (22 September 2009).

Minutes of the Committee meeting (25 November 2009).

Resource implications

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

Financial implications

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

Appendix

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Appendix 1 – Amendments to list of currently approved programmes

Part of the register: Practitioner psychologists				
Protected Title	Education provider	Programme Title	Mode	Change
Clinical Psychology	University of Edinburgh	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsychol)	Full time	The start date for this programme is 1995 and not 1996 as previously stated.
Clinical Psychology	University of Leeds	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsychol)	Full time	Change from Doctor to Doctorate.
Clinical Psychology	University of Sheffield	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DclinPsy)	Full time	The start date for this programme is 1990 and not 1994 as previously stated.
Health psychologist	University of Southampton	Health Psychology Research and Professional Practice (PhD)	Full time and part time	The start date for this programme is 2007 and not 2002 as previously stated.
Health psychologist	University of Surrey	Health Psychology (PhD) and PG Cert in Health Psychology Practice	Full time and part time	The start date for this programme is 2006 and not 2003 as previously stated. Also the change of title from Health Psychology (PhD) and PG Cert in Health Psychological Practice to Health Psychology (PhD) and PG Cert in Health Psychology Practice
Educational psychologist	Cardiff University (Prifysgol Caerdydd)	Doctorate in Educational Psychology (DEdPsy)	Full time	Change to include the title Doctorate.

Appendix 2 - Amendments to list of historically approved programmes

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Detail of programme amendments post Education and Training Committee November 2009
Institute of Psychiatry	Full time	MSc Clinical Psychology	Institute of Psychiatry	1965	1969	References for one year supervised practice and Certificate for the award from the Education Provider	New programme added in to programme list. Programme added in due to further information from BPS regarding this programme running in parallel with MPhil Clinical Psychology historical programme at the education provider.
University of Birmingham	Full time	PhD in Clinical Psychology	University of Birmingham	1978	1984	Certificate for the award from the Education Provider	New programme added to programme list following further information from the BPS.

COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Detail of programme amendments post Education and Training Committee November 2009
City University	Full time	Post MSc Dip in Counselling Psychology	City University	1995	2009	Unknown	Change in programme name from Post-MSc Dip in Practice of Counselling Psychology.

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Detail of programme amendments post Education and Training Committee November 2009
University of Birmingham	Full time	MEd Educational Psychology	University of Birmingham	1972	1997	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 1 year supervised practice	First cohort date amended to an earlier start date following receipt of further information provided by the BPS. Previous date was 1981.

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University of Manchester	Full time	MSc Educational Psychology	University of Manchester	1970	2005	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 1 year supervised practice	First cohort date amended to an earlier start date following receipt of further information provided by the BPS. Previous date was 1982.
University of Nottingham	Full time	MSc Educational Psychology	University of Nottingham	1999	2005	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 1 year supervised practice	First cohort date amended to a later start date following receipt of further information provided by the BPS. Previous date was 1980.
University of Nottingham	Full time	MA Child Psychology (Educational)	University of Nottingham	1980	1993	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 1 year supervised practice	New programme added to programme list following further information from the BPS.

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University of Nottingham	Full time	MA Educational Psychology (Professional Training)	University of Nottingham	1994	1999	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 1 year supervised practice	New programme added to programme list following further information from the BPS.
University of Southampton	Full time	MSc (Social Sciences) Educational Psychology	University of Southampton	1973	2002	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 1 year supervised practice	New programme added to programme list following further information from the BPS.
University of Southampton	Full time	MSc Educational Psychology	University of Southampton	2002	2005	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 1 year supervised practice	First cohort date amended following addition of MSc (Social Sciences) programme at the education provider to the programme list. Previous date was 1983.

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Detail of programme amendments post Education and Training Committee November 2009
University College London	Full time	MPhil Stage 2 Training in Health Psychology	University College London	2003	2006	Certificate for the award from education provider	New programme added to programme list following further information from the BPS.
University College London	Full time	PhD Stage 2 Training in Health Psychology	University College London	2003	2007	Certificate for the award from education provider	New programme added to programme list following further information from the BPS.
University of Southampton	Full time	Health Psychology Research and Professional Practice (MPhil/PhD)	University of Southampton	2002	2007	Certificate for the award from education provider	New programme added to programme list. This programme was added in following further information from the BPS and the education provider that there was a MPhil route until this programme moved to the PhD award programme that is on the current approved list.

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OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Detail of programme amendments post Education and Training Committee November 2009
Birkbeck University of London	Full time	MSc Occupational Psychology	Birkbeck University of London	1983	2007	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 2 years supervised practice and Letter from BPS ratifying completion of logbook	First cohort date amended to a later start date following receipt of further information provided by the BPS. Previous date was 1990.