

Education and Training Committee Panel

Programmes in respect of which approval/ongoing approval is recommended subject to conditions, where the education provider has made observations on the visitors' report

Programme name	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Science
Education provider	University of East Anglia
Mode of delivery	Full time Work based learning
Date of decision	4 June 2015

Panel: Joy Tweed (Chair)
Elaine Buckley

Joanna Mussen
Stephen Wordsworth

Decision:

1. That, in respect of this programme:
 - i. the outcome recommended by the visitors (including the conditions and reasons set out in their report) be accepted, but subject to the correction of minor factual inaccuracies, including those set out in the education provider's observations;
 - ii. those conditions must be met before the programme is approved; and
 - iii. a further visit is required to make an appropriate assessment of the education provider's response to those conditions.
2. Any further visit is to be regarded as a continuation of this approval process and thus, as the education provider's first attempt to meet the conditions. The further visit should:
 - i. take place 2-3 months after this decision;
 - ii. include meetings with the education provider's programme team and senior team, practice placement providers and educators, students and a resources tour; and

- iii. focus on the SETs in respect of which the conditions have been set, recognising however that the way other standards are met may also be affected by the evidence provided to meet the conditions.

Reasons

1. In reaching its decision in respect of this programme, the Panel has considered the visitors' report and the observations of the education provider and is satisfied that the conditions are necessary in order for the programme to meet the standards of education and training. In particular, the Panel is satisfied that:
 - i. the conditions outlined in the report are proportionate based on the visitors' report and education provider observations and as such should be met before the programme is approved; and
 - ii. due to the nature of those conditions, a further visit is required to make an adequate and appropriate assessment of the education provider's response to the conditions.
2. In reaching its decision in respect of this programme, the Panel is satisfied that a further visit is required to appropriately assess any response from the education provider to the conditions. In particular the Panel is satisfied that:
 - i. to ensure that sufficient time is provided for the education provider to respond to the conditions, for a further visit to be arranged and for any further documentary evidence submitted by the education provider to be scrutinised, the Panel considers that the visit should take place 2-3 months after this decision;
 - ii. the nature of the conditions is such that further meetings with the programme team and senior team, practice placement providers and educators, students and a resources tour would be the most effective means of scrutinising the education provider's response to the conditions. There would be no need to meet service users and carers at any further visit;
 - iii. to ensure sufficient time to meet with the groups outlined above, the further visit is to be held over two days, based upon the typical HCPC 2 day visit agenda (but without the need to meet specifically with service user and carers); and
 - iv. the programme has demonstrated how it meets a number of SETs. As such, any further visit will only need to consider evidence submitted by the education provider in respect of the SETs on which conditions have been set. However, given the broad nature of the conditions set, the way other standards are met may also be affected by the evidence provided to meet the conditions.

Signed: Joy Tweed, Panel Chair