

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	Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science
Education provider	Coventry University
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	Friday 20 May 2016

Panel: Joy Tweed (Chair) Maureen Drake
 Sonya Lam Joanna Mussen
 Stephen Wordsworth

Guidance for Panel Chairs

In determining whether to approve a programme, the Panel must reach its decision on the basis of the evidence put before it, in the form of the HCPC visitors' report and any observations on the report made by the education provider.

The visitors' report is only a recommendation and the Panel may depart from that recommendation where it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.

The Panel must reach its own decision and give reasons for that decision.

Decision:
<p>1. That, in respect of this programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the outcome recommended by the visitors (including the conditions set out in their report) be accepted, but subject to the variations and clarifications set out below; and ii) those conditions (as varied below) must be met before the programme is approved; <p>2. The conditions recommended by the visitors are to apply subject to the following variations as set out in the reasons below.</p>

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 (as varied here) 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 proportional based on the visitors' report and education provider observations and as such should be met before the programme is approved, subject to the variations and clarifications set out below.
2. 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 outlined here require variation or clarification. In particular, the Panel is satisfied that:
 - i) in respect of the condition on standard 2.1, whilst that condition is to apply, the Panel accepts that the modules that an applicant must complete before taking up a place on the programme are not considered entry criteria by the education provider. The Panel noted that that the focus of this condition is on how applicants will be informed that they must complete these modules before taking up a place on the programme therefore the references to 'entry criteria' will be removed to clarify the purpose of the condition;
 - ii) in respect of the condition on SET 2.6, whilst that condition is to apply, the Panel accepts that there is a factual inaccuracy in regards to the credits that can be gained through the APEL process and that this process will be different for employees of East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS). The Panel noted that that the focus of this condition is on how the APEL process will demonstrate how students have met certain standards of proficiency therefore reference to EMAS staff individually being assessed and 80 credits will be removed to clarify the purpose of the condition;
 - iii) in respect of the condition on SET 3.5, whilst that condition is to apply, the Panel accept the clarification provided by the education provider as a matter of record; and
 - iv) in respect of the conditions on SET 3.8, while both conditions are to apply, the Panel requires the executive to provide clarification to the education provider that more than one condition can be placed on any standard of education and training.

Signed: Joy Tweed, Panel Chair

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Programme name	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Practice – Remote and Hazardous Environments
Education provider	Outreach Rescue and Medic Skills
Validating body	The Robert Gordon University
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	Friday 20 May 2016

Panel: Joy Tweed (Chair) Maureen Drake
 Sonya Lam Joanna Mussen
 Stephen Wordsworth

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The Panel must reach its own decision and give reasons for that decision.

Decision:
<p>1. That, in respect of this programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) the outcome recommended by the visitors (including the conditions set out in their report) be accepted, but subject to the variations and clarifications set out below; iv) those conditions (as varied below) must be met before the programme is approved; and v) 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. Any further visit should:
- i) take place 3-4 months after this decision;
 - ii) include all meetings that are required as part of an approval visit; and
 - iii) focus on the SETs in respect of which the conditions have been set.
3. The conditions recommended by the visitors are to apply subject to the following variations as set out in the reasons below.

Reasons

3. 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 (as varied here) are necessary in order for the programme to meet the standards of education and training. In particular, the Panel is satisfied that:
- ii) the conditions outlined in the report are proportional based on the visitors' report and education provider observations and as such should be met before the programme is approved, subject to the variations and clarifications set out below; and
 - iii) due to the nature of the conditions articulated in the visitors' report a further visit is required to make an appropriate assessment of the education provider's response to the conditions;
4. 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 3-4 months after this decision;
 - ii) the nature of the conditions is such that further meetings with the programme team, senior team, students, practice placement providers and service users and carers are required to effectively scrutinise the education provider's response to the conditions; and
 - iii) any visit will only need to consider evidence submitted by the education provider in respect of the SETs on which conditions have been set.

5. 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 outlined here require variation or clarification. In particular, the Panel is satisfied that:
- v) in relation to the to the education provider's name this should be amended to Outreach Medic Rescue Skills to correct a factual inaccuracy;
 - vi) in relation to the cohort numbers for this programme this should be amended to 3 intakes of 45 per year to correct a factual inaccuracy;
 - vii) in relation to the variation to the condition on SET 2.1, whilst that condition is to apply, the Panel accepts that an amendment to the record the education provider's name as Outreach Medic Rescue Skills is necessary to correct a factual inaccuracy;
 - viii) in relation to the variation to the first condition on SET 5.2, whilst that condition is to apply, the Panel accepts that an amendment to replace 'ambulance placements' with 'hospital placements' is necessary to correct a factual inaccuracy

Signed: Joy Tweed, Panel Chair

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Programme name	Podiatric Surgery Training Programme
Education provider	Queen Margaret University / NHS Education for Scotland
Validating body	Queen Margaret University
Mode of delivery	Work based learning
Date of decision	Friday 20 May 2016

Panel: Joy Tweed (Chair) Maureen Drake
 Stephen Wordsworth Joanna Mussen

Guidance for Panel Chairs

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The visitors' report is only a recommendation and the Panel may depart from that recommendation where it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.

The Panel must reach its own decision and give reasons for that decision.

Decision:

1. That, in respect of this programme:

- vi) the outcome recommended by the visitors (including the conditions set out in their report) be accepted, but subject to the clarifications set out below;
- vii) those conditions must be met before the programme is approved; and
- viii) 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. Any further visit should:

- iv) take place 3-4 months after this decision;
- v) include all meetings that are required as part of an approval visit; and
- vi) focus on the SETs in respect of which the conditions have been set.

3. The conditions recommended by the visitors are to apply subject to the following variations as set out in the reasons below.

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. The Panel is satisfied that:

- i) the conditions outlined in the report are proportional based on the visitors' report and education provider observations and as such should be met before the programme is approved, subject to the variations and clarifications set out below; and
- ii) due to the nature of the conditions articulated in the visitors' report a further visit is required to make an 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 and 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, the Panel considers that the visit should take place 3-4 months after this decision;
- ii) the nature of the conditions is such that further meetings with the programme team, senior team, students, practice placement providers and service users and carers are required to effectively scrutinise the education provider's response to the conditions.
- iii) Any visit will only need to consider evidence submitted by the education provider in respect of the SETs on which conditions have been set.

3. 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 outlined here require variation or clarification. In particular, the Panel is satisfied that:

- i) in respect of the condition on standard A.1, whilst that condition is to apply, the Panel accepts that the job advert may not have been revised. The Panel noted that that the focus of this condition is on how applicants will be provided with the developed entry requirements to the programme therefore the references to the 'job advert' will be removed to clarify the purpose of the condition.
- ii) in respect of the condition on standard B.3, whilst that condition is to apply, the Panel accepts that the assessment board may not be responsible for assurance of quality and that the deanery assures the quality of the placement provision. The Panel noted that that the focus of this condition is on how the different organisations and governance committees will work together to ensure that the programme is regularly monitored and evaluated therefore the reference to the assessment board will be removed and the executive will provide further clarity to the education provider about the purpose of this condition.
- iii) in respect of the condition on standard D.2, the condition will apply. The Panel noted that that the focus of this condition is on what organisations will be providing non-podiatric surgery practice placements and that while appendix 4 had been provided this provided an indicative example of what students could expect on placement. The executive will clarify the purpose of the condition and also advise the education provider that they can provide appendix 4 as evidence of how they feel this condition can be met.
- iv) in respect of the condition on standard D.9, whilst that condition is to apply, the Panel accepts that there is a proposed timeline for the regular meetings. The Panel noted that that the focus of this condition is how there will be effective collaboration between the education provider and education provider therefore the reference to 'regular' meetings will be revised to 3 monthly meetings to clarify the purpose of the condition
- v) in respect of the condition on standard D.10, the condition will apply. The Panel noted that that the focus of this condition is on how the requirements for each practice placement will be communicated to all involved and that while appendix 4 had been provided this provided an indicative example of what students could expect on placement. The executive will clarify the purpose of the condition and also advise the education provider that they can provide appendix 4 as evidence of how they feel this condition can be met.

Signed: Joy Tweed, Panel Chair