

**Education and Training Committee Panel**

**Programmes which have subject to annual monitoring audit and for which continuing approval is recommended**

<b>Programme name</b>	Doctorate in Counselling Psychology and Psychotherapy by Professional Studies (DCPsych)
<b>Education provider</b>	Metanoia Institute (validated by Middlesex University)
<b>Mode of delivery</b>	PT (Part time)
<b>Date of decision</b>	25 May 2017

**Panel:** Stephen Wordsworth (Chair)    Sonya Lam  
Maureen Drake                                  Gavin Scott  
Sue Gallone

<b>Decision</b>
<p>1. That, in respect of this programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the observations provided by the education provider to the Panel constitutes additional evidence as to how the programme continues to meet the standards of education and training; and</li> <li>ii) any evidence as to how a programme meets the standards of education and training should be reviewed by visitors.</li> </ul> <p>2. That a review of the observations, which Panel consider to be additional evidence, should be undertaken by visitors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) that this review should be undertaken as soon as possible; and</li> <li>ii) where possible this review should be undertaken by the same visitors who undertook the review of the original annual monitoring submission</li> </ul> <p>3. That this review of the observations by visitors should be a continuation of the annual monitoring process and a continuation of the review of additional evidence;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) that a recommendation taking account of the observations received by Panel should be included as part of this visitors' report and submitted to a subsequent meeting of Panel for a final decision to be made.; and</li> <li>ii) the education provider will have no further opportunities to provide additional evidence in relation to this annual monitoring audit</li> </ul>

submission.

### **Reasons**

1. In reaching its decision in respect of this programme, the Panel has considered the observations of the education provider. However, the panel did not feel that they were in a position to accept the observations as they considered them to be additional evidence as to how the education provider feels the programme continues to meet the standards. In particular the Panel is satisfied that:
  - i) they could not act as professional experts and consider the evidence supplied in the observation; and
  - ii) appropriate visitors should be engaged to consider the observations
2. In reaching its decision, the Panel has determined that:
  - i) any review of the additional evidence should take place as soon as possible; and
  - ii) as far as possible the same visitors who undertook the initial scrutiny of evidence supplied by the education provider should scrutinise this additional evidence.
3. In considering the observations provided, the Panel is satisfied that due to an internal mis-communication at the education provider there is a risk that the education provider submitted an incomplete submission of additional evidence for the visitors to consider. Panel feel that this may have impacted on the visitors' recommendation in this case. In particular the Panel is satisfied that:
  - i) the visitors should review the observations provided as additional evidence through the annual monitoring process;
  - ii) this review should be considered as a continuation of the annual monitoring process; and
  - iii) this will be the education providers final opportunity to submit additional evidence to satisfy the requirements of this annual monitoring audit.

**Signed: Stephen Wordsworth, Panel Chair**