

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Academy for Healthcare Science
Name of programme(s)	Certificate of Attainment, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12319-G0K7B7

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Certificate of Attainment
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Clinical scientist
First intake	01 October 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 260
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07139

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
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Education provider	Aston University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology), Full time
Date of initial assessment	15 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12277-F9N9H1

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Hugh Crawford	Hearing aid dispenser
Tina Pyman	Arts therapist - Dramatherapist
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Hearing aid dispenser
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07156

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Education provider	Aston University
Name of programme(s)	Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology, Full time
Date of initial assessment	15 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12549-Q5Y6D2

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Hearing aid dispenser
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07157

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Education provider	Bangor University
Name of programme(s)	Non medical / Independent prescribing, PT (Part time)
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12333-X1G6J8

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Matthew Catterall	Paramedic
Rosemary Furner	Independent prescriber
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non medical / Independent prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07160

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes	
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes	
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	No response to external examiner's report for 2017 as the external examiner did not identify any action points for the department to consider, therefore no response was needed.

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Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12298-J5K6T7

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07161

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Education provider	Birmingham Metropolitan College
Validating body	Aston University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12305-T3Z4Y9

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Alison Wishart	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration)
Joanna Jackson	Physiotherapist
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Podiatry
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Entitlement	Prescription only medicines – administration Prescription only medicines – sale / supply
First intake	01 May 1995
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 34
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07164

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Validating body	University of Wolverhampton
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12280-W9N7F4

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Programme name	BSc (Hons) Podiatry
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Entitlement	Prescription only medicines – administration Prescription only medicines – sale / supply
First intake	01 September 2015
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07165

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Section 5: Future considerations for the programme(s)

Through undertaking this process, we have noted areas that may need to be considered as part of future HPCPC assessment processes in section 5 of this report. The visitors noted that there was a positive outcome to the responses provided in the external examiner reports. However, they would like to see that the student experience is sustained going forward.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Buckinghamshire New University
Name of programme(s)	PG Dip Social Work, Full time MSc Social Work, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12306-V3K7C3

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Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
Kate Johnson	Social worker
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	PG Dip Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 February 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07167

Programme name	MSc Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 February 2010

Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07169

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 22 February 2018 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

Section 5: Future considerations for the programme(s)

Through undertaking this process, we have noted areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes in section 5 of this report.

In review of the external examiner response 2016 – 17, the visitors noted that it was difficult to see the education provider response to the external examiner suggested actions points as the comments have been deleted and replaced with the education

provider response. The visitors would like to encourage the education provider to review how they complete the external examiner report and the response to the external examiner in order to ensure that there are no discrepancies in the documentation.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Buckinghamshire New University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Social Work, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12281-P5J0D1

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Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
Kate Johnson	Social worker
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 August 2003
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 55
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07168

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Section 5: Future considerations for the programme(s)

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In review of the documentation, the visitors noted that the external examiner made several 'suggested action point' (page 10 of the external examiner report 2016 – 17) for the programme. However, the visitors were unable to see within the documentation where the education provider has responded to the suggested action points of the external examiner. The visitors would like to remind the education provider as part of their annual monitoring submission; they are expected to respond to comments made by the external examiners.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Cardiff University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging, FT (Full time)
Date submission received	28 November 2017
Case reference	CAS-12287-B8S8Q7

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Martin Benwell	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Stephen Boynes	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 90
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07190

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted
HPCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Outcome from first review

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors are not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continued to be met at this time, and therefore require further evidence as noted below.

Further evidence required

In order to determine whether the standards continue to be met, the visitors require further evidence for the following standards for the reasons noted below.

We expect education providers to review the issues identified in this report, decide on any changes that they wish to make to programme(s), and then provide any further evidence to demonstrate how they meet the standards.

3.5 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

Reason: On review of the documentation, the visitors noted in the internal quality report for the 2016-17 academic year that there has been a 100% increase in learner numbers over 3 years. The education provider has not informed the HPCPC about the change in learner numbers, has not mapped the change in the audit form or provided any information which details this change. The visitors were therefore, unclear on what steps the education provider has taken to ensure that adequate staffing has been put in place in response to the increase in learner numbers. The visitors could not determine that the education provider has appropriate levels of support available from staff in the academic environment for the number of learners on the programme.

Suggested evidence: Evidence regarding the plans in place to ensure that there continues to be an adequate number of appropriately qualified staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

3.8 The resources to support student learning in all settings must be effectively used.

3.9 The resources to support student learning in all settings must effectively support the required learning and teaching activities of the programme.

3.10 The learning resources, including IT facilities, must be appropriate to the curriculum and must be readily available to students and staff.

Reason: On review of the documentation, the visitors noted in the internal quality report for the 2016-17 academic year that there has been a 100% increase in learner numbers over 3 years. The education provider has not informed the HCPC about the change in learner numbers, has not mapped the change in the audit form or provided any information which details this change. The visitors were therefore, unclear on what steps the education provider has taken to ensure that the resources to support all learners on the programme are appropriate to the increase in learners. The visitors could not determine that the education provider has the resources in place that is appropriate for the number of learners on the programme in all settings.

Suggested evidence: Evidence regarding the plans in place to ensure that there continues to be adequate resources in place to support all learners on the programme.

5.6 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff at the practice placement setting.

Reason: On review of the documentation, the visitors noted in the internal quality report for the 2016-17 academic year that there has been a 100% increase in learner numbers over 3 years. The education provider has not informed the HCPC about the change in learner numbers, has not mapped the change in the audit form or provided any information which details this change. The visitors were therefore, unclear on what steps the education provider has taken to ensure that adequate staffing has been put in place in response to the increase in learner numbers. The visitors could not determine that the education provider has appropriate levels of support available from staff in the practice-based learning environment for the number of learners on the programme.

Suggested evidence: Evidence regarding the plans in place to ensure that there continues to be an adequate number of appropriately qualified staff within the practice-based learning environment to support learners on the programme.

6.4 Assessment methods must be employed that measure the learning outcomes.

Reason: On review of the documentation, the visitors noted in the internal quality report for 2016-17 academic year that the assessments for HC1105 have been decreased from two to one assessment. The visitors were unclear about what the assessment method is for this module and could therefore not determine whether this change is appropriate to assess the learning outcomes associated with this module.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to demonstrate what the new assessment method is for this module and that all learning outcomes continue to be met through the one assessment.

6.4 Assessment methods must be employed that measure the learning outcomes.

Reason: On review of the documentation, the visitors noted in the internal quality report for the 2016-17 academic year that there has been a change in the clinical assessments for HC2115 and HC2116. The visitors noted that the 'clinical assessment component has been removed' and therefore could not determine what assessment methods has been employed that measure the learning outcomes associated with these modules. The education provider did not provide any evidence to demonstrate that the programme continues to be meet the standards with the changes made. The visitors could therefore not determine how this standard continues to be met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to demonstrate that the assessment methods for the HC2115 and HC2116 modules are appropriate to measure the learning outcomes.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

Considering the education provider's response to the request for further evidence set out in section 4, the visitors are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the standards continue to be met and recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 22 February 2018 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	City, University of London
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging), Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12289-H4R8H8

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Ruth Ashbee	Clinical scientist
Stephen Boynes	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 67
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07198

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 01 March 2018 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	City, University of London
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology), Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12339-Z9G6G6

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Angela Duxbury	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Jennifer Caldwell	Occupational therapist
Jasmine Pokuaa Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Therapeutic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 94
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07199

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
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External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors’ recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12316-H6N3X5

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James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Simon Dykes	Paramedic
Mandy Hargood	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Podiatry
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Entitlement	Prescription only medicines – administration Prescription only medicines – sale / supply
First intake	01 September 2011
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07203

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Durham
Name of programme(s)	Master of Social Work, FT (Full time)
Date of initial assessment	15 December 2017
Case reference	CAS-12560-B2L1N4

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David Childs	Social worker
Carol Ainley	Biomedical scientist
Jasmine Pokuaa Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Master of Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 July 2004
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 32
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07215

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Outcome from first review

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors are not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continued to be met at this time, and therefore require further evidence as noted below.

Further evidence required

In order to determine whether the standards continue to be met, the visitors require further evidence for the following standards for the reasons noted below.

We expect education providers to review the issues identified in this report, decide on any changes that they wish to make to programme(s), and then provide any further evidence to demonstrate how they meet the standards.

3.1 The programme must have a secure place in the education provider's business plan.

Reason: From the Annual Review Report Form 2015-16 and External examiner's report for 2016-17, the visitors noted comments regarding the future of the programme. In the Annual Review Report Form 2015-16, it states that there is "uncertainty arising from the university's own ambivalence about social work education at Durham" and in the External examiner's report for 2016-17 that "the team and students have been affected this year by the uncertainty about the future of social work education at Durham". The visitors considered that the commitment to the future provision of this programme has changed. However, no supporting documentation was provided relating to this change, and it was not mapped in the audit form. The visitors were also unable to make a decision about whether the programme continues to remain secure in the education provider's business plan, and whether the uncertainty around the programme poses any risks to the delivery of the programme.

Suggested evidence: Evidence which demonstrates that there are future plans for this programme and that this programme is secure within the education provider's business plan.

6.1 The assessment strategy and design must ensure that the student who successfully completes the programme has met the standards of proficiency for their part of the Register.

Reason: In the evidence provided the education provider submitted a SOPs mapping document highlighting where the new SOPs are taught and assessed. In this mapping document it is mentioned that SOP 4.5, and 13.5 is assessed through the Advanced Social work module. This information was not highlighted in the mapping document and no information was provided to demonstrate whether the assessments within this module is appropriate. The education provider has also not provided any information, of how the assessment strategy within the Advanced Social work module is appropriate to assess these SOPs or any information regarding what the requirements are for the achievement of these individual SOPs.

Suggested documentation: Evidence which explains what the changes are, and how the assessment of the Advanced Social work module ensures that the student who successfully completes the programme has met the standards of proficiency for social workers in England.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Edge Hill University
Name of programme(s)	MA Social Work, Full time PG Dip Social Work, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12323-R0L9X6

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Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
Kate Johnson	Social worker
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2015
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07220

Programme name	PG Dip Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England

First intake	01 September 2015
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07225

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Edge Hill University
Name of programme(s)	MNSW Adult Nursing and Social Work, Full time MNSW Learning Disabilities Nursing and Social Work, Full time MNSW Children's Nursing and Social Work, Full time MNSW Mental Health Nursing and Social Work, Full time BSc (Hons) Learning Disabilities Nursing and Social Work (MNSW exit award), Full time BSc (Hons) Children's Nursing and Social Work (MNSW exit award), Full time BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing and Social Work (MNSW exit award), Full time BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing and Social Work (MNSW exit award), Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12324-H6C6J2

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Kate Johnson	Social worker
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MNSW Adult Nursing and Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07226

Programme name	MNSW Learning Disabilities Nursing and Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2016

Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07227

Programme name	MNSW Children's Nursing and Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07228

Programme name	MNSW Mental Health Nursing and Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07229

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Learning Disabilities Nursing and Social Work (MNSW exit award)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07230

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Children's Nursing and Social Work (MNSW exit award)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07231

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing and Social Work (MNSW exit award)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1

Assessment reference	AM07232
Programme name	BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing and Social Work (MNSW exit award)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07233

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted	Reason(s) for non-submission
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes	
Internal quality reports from the last two years	No	The programmes did not run 2016-17, therefore there are no internal quality reports.
External examiner reports from the last two years	No	The programmes did not run 2016-17, therefore there are no external examiner reports.
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	The programmes did not run 2016-17, therefore there are no responses to external examiner reports.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Essex
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (Integrated), Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12561-T9D7F9

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Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Joanne Stead	Occupational therapist
Jasmine Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (Integrated)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07238

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Essex
Name of programme(s)	A Conversion Programme to Prepare PH and CH Supplementary Prescribers as Independent Prescribers, Part time
Day Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12563-B9H7J2

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James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
Simon Dykes	Paramedic
Mandy Hargood	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	A Conversion Programme to Prepare PH and CH Supplementary Prescribers as Independent Prescribers
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing Supplementary Prescribing
First intake	01 April 2015
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07246

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Keele University
Name of programme(s)	Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals, Part time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12357-K9R3K9

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Matthew Catterall	Paramedic
Rosemary Furner	Independent prescriber
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07285

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	London South Bank University
Name of programme(s)	Pg Dip Occupational Therapy, Full time MSc Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12369-B3S6B9

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Jennifer Caldwell	Occupational therapist
Angela Duxbury	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Jasmine Pokuaa Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Pg Dip Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 January 2003
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 50
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07323

Programme name	MSc Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 19
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07327

The learner numbers equal 69 learners across both the Pg Dip Occupational Therapy and MSc Occupational Therapy programmes.

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Plymouth
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12457-S3Q7R3

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Alison Wishart	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration)
Joanna Jackson	Physiotherapist
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Podiatry
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Entitlement	Prescription only medicines – administration Prescription only medicines – sale / supply
First intake	01 September 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07364

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors’ recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

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Section 5: Future considerations for the programme(s)

Through undertaking this process, we have noted areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes in section 5 of this report. From reviewing the documentation, the visitors noted that changes to the credit structure were made to the pharmacology module in that there was an increase from 10 to 20 credits. The visitors would like to see that there is a major change submitted to reflect these changes.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Plymouth
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12370-K4K6N6

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Alison Wishart	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Joanna Jackson	Physiotherapist
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2004
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 60
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07365

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Plymouth
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practitioner, FT (Full time)
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12372-X8L1C6

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Matthew Catterall	Paramedic
Rosemary Furner	Independent prescriber
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practitioner
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07373

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, FT (Full time)
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12405-N7V0K1

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Joanne Stead	Occupational therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Jasmine Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 November 1994
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 38
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07407

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12482-L2T6T0

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Kate Johnson	Physiotherapist
Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 1994
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 42
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07408

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12483-V2N2V6

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Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Joanne Stead	Occupational therapist
Jasmine Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 21
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07413

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Roehampton University
Name of programme(s)	MA Art Psychotherapy, Full time MA Art Psychotherapy, Part time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12484-P9L0N0

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Elaine Streeter	Arts therapist - Music therapist
Julie Allan	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Art Psychotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2009
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07417

Programme name	MA Art Psychotherapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2009
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07418

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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HPCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Roehampton University
Name of programme(s)	MA Dramatherapy, Full time MA Dramatherapy, Part time
Date of initial assessment	15 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12582-S5V8R6

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Hugh Crawford	Hearing aid dispenser
Tina Pyman	Arts therapist - Dramatherapist
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Dramatherapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Dramatherapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07419

Programme name	MA Dramatherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)

Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Dramatherapist
First intake	01 October 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07420

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Roehampton University
Name of programme(s)	MA Music Therapy, Part time MA Music Therapy, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12408-T5L4X0

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Elaine Streeter	Arts therapist - Music therapist
Julie Allan	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Music Therapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Music therapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 4
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07421

Programme name	MA Music Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Music therapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 8
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07422

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Sheffield Hallam University
Name of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12512-B7B1N8

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James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
Simon Dykes	Paramedic
Mandy Hargood	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing Supplementary Prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07432

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)

Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07443

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
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Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Sheffield Hallam University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Practice Based Learning), Work based learning
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12583-G7N8R8

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Joanne Stead	Occupational therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Jasmine Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Practice Based Learning)
Mode of study	WBL (Work based learning)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 January 2011
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 18
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07434

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Sheffield Hallam University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy (Practice Based Learning), Work based learning
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12507-J5S7B8

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Kate Johnson	Physiotherapist
Kathryn Campbell	Social worker
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy (Practice Based Learning)
Mode of study	WBL (Work based learning)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 January 2011
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 16
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07437

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HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Sheffield Hallam University
Name of programme(s)	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Practice, Full time
Date submission received	14 December 2017
Case reference	CAS-12413-J5L2T8

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Glyn Harding	Paramedic
Paul Bates	Paramedic
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Practice
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2004
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 18
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07442

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Sussex
Name of programme(s)	BA (Hons) Social Work, Full time BA (Hons) Social Work, Part time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12520-J7Q0G3

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Kate Johnson	Social worker
Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BA (Hons) Social Work
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 July 2011
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07454

Programme name	BA (Hons) Social Work
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Social worker in England
First intake	01 July 2011

Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07455

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted	Reason(s) for non-submission
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes	
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes	
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	The education provider has not submitted the external examiner reports 2015 –16 and 2016 –17.

Section 4: Outcome from first review

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors are not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continued to be met at this time, and therefore require further evidence as noted below.

Further evidence required

In order to determine whether the standards continue to be met, the visitors require further evidence for the following standards for the reasons noted below.

We expect education providers to review the issues identified in this report, decide on any changes that they wish to make to programme(s), and then provide any further evidence to demonstrate how they meet the standards.

3.3 The programme must have regular monitoring and evaluation systems in place.

Reason: From the information provided, the visitors noted that the education provider did not submit responses to the external examiner reports for 2015 – 16 and 2016 –17. Without these key required documents, the visitors were unable to clearly identify how the education provider responded to ‘suggested actions’ by the external examiners and any resolution associated with an action. Due to the difficulties the visitors had without the responses to the external examiner reports, the visitors were unable to determine how the education provider evaluates the programme’s effectiveness. The visitors therefore require the responses to the external examiner reports 2015 – 16 and 2016 – 17, in order to determine that the programme continues to have regular monitoring and evaluation systems in place.

Suggested evidence: Responses to the external examiner reports for 2015-16 and 2016-17.

3.5 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

Reason: From a review of the SETs mapping document, the visitors noted under SET 3.5 the statement “only like for like changes have been made in terms of staffing”. The visitors were unable to determine what this meant in relation to the staffing of the programme as no further information was provided to support this statement. Additionally, the ESW annual course review 2016 – 17 states “there were some staff changes in mid-year that were seen as unhelpful”. Although HCPC does not prescribe a staff-to-student ratio, the visitors had concerns that there may have been significant changes to the number of staff in the programme, however, this is not clear in the documentation . From the information provided the visitors were unable to make a judgement that there is an appropriate number of staff in place to deliver the programme effectively especially, considering the difficulties mentioned in the ESW annual course review. Therefore, the visitors require evidence documented appropriately to ensure that there continues to be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff to deliver an effective programme

Suggested evidence: Further clarity on whether there has been changes to the number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place in place to deliver an effective programme.

Section 5: Visitors’ recommendation

Considering the education provider’s response to the request for further evidence set out in section 4, the visitors are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the standards continue to be met and recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Teesside University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Teesside University, FT (Full time)
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12421-C2Q8Q5

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Joanne Stead	Occupational therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Jasmine Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 July 1994
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07465

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted
HPCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Outcome from first review

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors are not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continued to be met at this time, and therefore require further evidence as noted below.

Further evidence required

In order to determine whether the standards continue to be met, the visitors require further evidence for the following standards for the reasons noted below.

We expect education providers to review the issues identified in this report, decide on any changes that they wish to make to programme(s), and then provide any further evidence to demonstrate how they meet the standards.

4.1 The learning outcomes must ensure that those who successfully complete the programme meet the standards of proficiency for their part of the Register.

Reason: From a review of the documentation the visitors noted in the 2015-16 external examiner report that module RMH3020-N will no longer be running as there were concerns that learners had 'not applied sufficient knowledge to occupational therapy'. The termination of this module was again confirmed in the response to the external examiner's comments. Upon review of the documentation submitted for this annual monitoring audit, the visitors could not find any evidence which demonstrates where the learning outcomes for the RMH3020-N module will be taught, if this module no longer runs. The visitors could not find any information which demonstrates whether there has been a replacement of this module or whether this module has been removed completely from the programme. The visitors could not therefore determine how the

programme continues to meet this standard with the changes made to the curriculum content.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence which, demonstrates that the learners will continue to meet all the standards of proficiency for Occupational therapists, although the RMH3020-N module has been removed from the curriculum.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 22 February 2018 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

Section 6: Future considerations for the programme(s)

Through undertaking this process, we have noted areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes. The visitors noted in the internal quality report for the 2015-16 academic year that the education provider is 'considering' making changes to the assessment of some modules due to the concerns about student grades raised by the external examiner. The education provider should consider informing the HCPC about any changes to their assessments once they are made.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of the West of Scotland
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12567-D9G1C1

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Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Joanne Stead	Occupational therapist
Jasmine Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07500

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

In order for us to progress with approval and monitoring assessments, we require certain evidence and information from education providers. The following is a list of evidence that we asked for through this process, and whether that evidence was provided. Education providers are also given the opportunity to include any further supporting evidence as part of their submission. Without a sufficient level of evidence, we need to consider whether we can proceed with the assessment. In this case, we decided that we were able to undertake our assessment with the evidence provided.

HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Outcome from first review

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors are not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continued to be met at this time, and therefore require further evidence as noted below.

Further evidence required

In order to determine whether the standards continue to be met, the visitors require further evidence for the following standards for the reasons noted below.

We expect education providers to review the issues identified in this report, decide on any changes that they wish to make to programme(s), and then provide any further evidence to demonstrate how they meet the standards.

6.11 Assessment regulations must clearly specify requirements for the appointment of at least one external examiner who must be appropriately experienced and qualified and, unless other arrangements are agreed, be from the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: From our records, the visitors were aware that the education provider submitted a major change in 2016 highlighting a change in the process for appointing an external examiner. In the major change it was explained that the education provider “wish to appoint a new external examiner who is not currently on the HCPC Register”. They have worked within their assessment policy and tried to source an external examiner from the relevant part of the Register. However, due to a lack of registered biomedical scientists who also have the requisite academic experience to act as an external examiner, the education provider has looked for an experienced external examiner who is not on the Register”. Due to the nature of the changes to the programme the education provider was told to submit evidence for this change to the

assessment regulations through 2017-18 annual monitoring audit process. From a review of the documentation the visitors noted that no information to evidence this change was submitted. The education provider therefore must provide evidence to demonstrate how this standard continues to be met.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence to demonstrate how the assessment regulations specifies the requirements for appointing an appropriate external examiner. The assessment regulations must also specify why the individual appointed as external examiner is not from the relevant part of the HCPC register and why this exception is appropriate.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 22 February 2018 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of the West of Scotland
Name of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing, Flexible Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Advanced Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Advanced Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Non-Medical Prescribing, Flexible Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12432-F7B7F3

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James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
Simon Dykes	Paramedic
Mandy Hargood	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	FLX (Flexible)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07501

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
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Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07502

Programme name	Advanced Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 July 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07503

Programme name	Advanced Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing Supplementary Prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07504

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	FLX (Flexible)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing Supplementary Prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07505

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing Supplementary Prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07506

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Worcester
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12545-R7M8N6

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Kate Johnson	Social worker
Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
Amal Hussein	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07524

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 22 February 2018 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Worcester
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-12572-R6C8Y5

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Joanne Stead	Occupational therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Jasmine Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07525

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Worcester
Name of programme(s)	FdSc Paramedic Science, Full time FdSc Paramedic Science (Tech to Para), Full time
Date of initial assessment	16 January 2018
Case reference	CAS-13046-Q9K8R8

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James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Simon Dykes	Paramedic
Mandy Hargood	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	FdSc Paramedic Science
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07552

Programme name	FdSc Paramedic Science (Tech to Para)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic

First intake	01 September 2015
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 135
Intakes per year	4
Assessment reference	AM07553

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	York St John University
Name of programme(s)	BHSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Part time BHSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12373-M5B5N1

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Jennifer Caldwell	Occupational therapist
Angela Duxbury	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Jasmine Pokuaa Oduro-Bonsrah	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BHSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 February 2008
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07536

Programme name	BHSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 130
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07537

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 01 March 2018 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

Section 5: Future considerations for the programme(s)

Through undertaking this process, we have noted areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes. The visitors noted that the programme will be going through an internal validation review in the 2017-18 academic year. The visitors saw in the documentation provided that the education provider will be making some changes to the programme, in particular the learning outcomes. The education provider must submit a change notification form if there are changes made to the programme.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	York St John University
Name of programme(s)	BHSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date of initial assessment	13 February 2018
Case reference	CAS-12444-H3Z3C9

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We approve programmes that meet our education standards, which ensure individuals that complete the programmes meet proficiency standards. The proficiency standards set out what a registrant should know, understand and be able to do when they complete their education and training. The education standards are outcome focused, enabling education providers to deliver programmes in different ways, as long as individuals who complete the programme meet the relevant proficiency standards.

Programmes are normally [approved on an open-ended basis](#), subject to satisfactory engagement with our monitoring processes. Programmes we have approved are listed [on our website](#).

How we make our decisions

We make independent evidence based decisions about programme approval. For all assessments, we ensure that we have profession specific input in our decision making. In order to do this, we appoint [partner visitors](#) to undertake assessment of evidence presented through our processes. The visitors make recommendations to the Education and Training Committee (ETC).

The ETC make decisions about the approval and ongoing approval of programmes. In order to do this, they consider recommendations detailed in process reports. The Committee meets in public on a regular basis and their decisions are available to view [on our website](#).

HCPC panel

We always appoint at least one partner visitor from the profession (inclusive of modality and / or entitlement, where applicable) with which the assessment is concerned. We also ensure that visitors are supported in their assessment by a member of the HCPC executive team. Details of the HCPC panel for this assessment are as follows:

Alison Wishart	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Joanna Jackson	Physiotherapist
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BHSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07538

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programme continued to meet our standards over the last two academic years. This assessment formed part of our regular monitoring required of programmes on a cyclical basis.

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

In order for us to progress with approval and monitoring assessments, we require certain evidence and information from education providers. The following is a list of evidence that we asked for through this process, and whether that evidence was provided. Education providers are also given the opportunity to include any further supporting evidence as part of their submission. Without a sufficient level of evidence, we need to consider whether we can proceed with the assessment. In this case, we decided that we were able to undertake our assessment with the evidence provided.

Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

In considering the evidence provided by the education provider as part of the initial submission, the visitors were satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that our standards continue to be met, and therefore recommend that the programme(s) remain approved.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 01 March 2018 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

Section 5: Future considerations for the programme(s)

Through undertaking this process, we have noted areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes in section 5 of this report.

From the information provided, the visitors noted in the annual monitoring report 2016-17 that the students were aware of the high level of staff turnover and sickness. As such, the visitors would like to monitor the staff turnover and ensure that there continues to be an appropriate number of qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver the programme effectively.