

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Birmingham City University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science, Full time
Date submission received	29 November 2018
Case reference	CAS-13735-K1H3J5

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Patricia McClure	Occupational therapist
Vincent Clarke	Paramedic
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07576

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: The visitors reviewed the evidence submitted for this standard, which included a CV for the new programme lead. This person was an appropriate person to have overall professional responsibility for the programme. However, the visitors could not see evidence that there was an effective process in place to identify a suitable person for the role, and to find a suitable replacement if necessary. They were therefore unable to determine whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Documentation such as a job description or a person specification, demonstrating that the education provider has an effective process in place to identify a suitable person for the role of programme leader.

3.6 There must be an effective process in place to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

Reason: The visitors reviewed the evidence provided for this standard, which included a contract between the education provider and East Midlands Ambulance Service. The visitors noted that this contract did not appear to have been signed or dated, and that the existing agreements were due to expire before the 2019-20 academic year. The visitors were therefore unable to determine whether the education provider had an effective process to ensure availability of practice-based learning for all learners.

Suggested evidence: Documentation showing that the education provider will continue to be able to secure appropriate practice-based learning for all learners.

4.9 The programme must ensure that learners are able to learn with, and from, professionals and learners in other relevant professions.

Reason: The visitors reviewed the evidence submitted for this standard, including a narrative in the mapping document stating that learners had the opportunity to take part in interprofessional learning (IPL) weeks, and that they were encouraged to organise practice-based learning alongside other health professionals. These were evidenced in the documentation. However, the visitors were not satisfied that the education provider could ensure that all learners would be enabled to learn with and from professionals and learners in other relevant professions. This was because the IPL weeks were voluntary and there was no mechanism for the education provider to make sure that all learners had access to learn with and from other professionals and learners in practice-based learning.

Suggested evidence: Evidence showing how the education provider will ensure that all learners are able to learn with and from professionals and learners in other relevant professions.

5.2 The structure, duration and range of practice-based learning must support the achievement of the learning outcomes and the standards of proficiency.

Reason: In the evidence for this standard the education provider mentioned that they reduced the total number of practice hours required on the programme, from 2250 hours over the course of the programme to 1500 hours. The visitors were not able to see evidence relating to how this reduction had been managed in order to maintain an appropriate structure, duration and range of practice-based learning. Without seeing, for example, how the education provider would ensure that all learners had sufficient practice-based learning in a range of clinical areas, they could not determine whether the standard was met. Additionally the audit document mentioned a major change dealing with practice-based learning that had been recently submitted to the HCPC addressing this standard. The HCPC does not have a record of this having been received and therefore no assessment has been made about whether the standard continues to be met via the major change process. As such, the visitors require further evidence which demonstrates how the education provider has managed the reduction in practice-based learning hours to ensure that there was a sufficient structure, duration and range of practice-based learning available to learners to support the achievement of the learning outcomes

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating how the education provider has maintained an appropriate structure, duration and range of practice-based learning following their reduction in placement hours.

6.2 Assessment throughout the programme must ensure that learners demonstrate they are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

Reason: It was not clear to the visitors from the evidence provided how the assessment on the programme ensured that learners are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs). The mapping mentioned a module 4018 and the PAD, but there did not appear to be explicit references in these documents to how the education provider would specifically assess learners' understanding of professional behaviour and expectations. It was unclear how learners would be enabled to understand what they need to do to meet the requirements in this area. As such the visitors could not see how assessment on the programme ensured that learners are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the SCPEs.

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating how the education provider ensures that assessment on the programme assesses the learners' ability to meet expectations of professional behaviour.

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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Date submission received	30 November 2018
Case reference	CAS-13736-Z3Q0P6

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James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Principles of Prescribing for Health Care Professionals
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 October 2010
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07578

Programme name	Principles of Prescribing for Health Care Professionals
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing

First intake	01 October 2010
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07579

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (Undergraduate)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 February 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07580

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (Undergraduate) (Conversion)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 February 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07581

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (Undergraduate)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 February 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07582

Programme name	Principles of Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (Post Graduate)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 February 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07583

Programme name	Principles of Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (Post Graduate) (Conversion)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 February 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07584

Programme name	Principles of Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (Post Graduate)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 February 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07585

Programme name	Non-medical Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07593

Programme name	Non-medical Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07594

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Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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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Education provider	University of Birmingham
Name of programme(s)	Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing for Pharmacists/Nurses/Physiotherapists/Podiatrists, Part time
Date submission received	11 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13747-W3M6L7

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing for Pharmacists/Nurses/Physiotherapists/Podiatrists
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07610

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External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

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Education provider	Bournemouth University
Name of programme(s)	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (Non Medical Prescribing), Part time SP and IP for Physiotherapists, Chiropodists / Podiatrists and Therapeutic Radiographers, Part time
Date submission received	17 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13759-V6D3X4

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James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals (Non Medical Prescribing)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 June 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07611

Programme name	SP and IP for Physiotherapists, Chiropodists / Podiatrists and Therapeutic Radiographers
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	4
Assessment reference	AM07612

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Required documentation	Submitted	Reason(s) for non-submission
HPCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes	
Internal quality reports from the last two years	No	A duplication error meant that two copies of the 2016/17 report was provided instead of an annual monitoring report for the 2017/18.
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes	
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Section 4: Outcome from first review

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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.

B.3 The programme must have regular monitoring and evaluation systems in place.

Reason: From the information provided the visitors noted that the annual monitoring reports for 2016/17 were provided twice due to a duplication error. However, the annual monitoring report for 2017/18 was not provided within the documentation. Without these key required documents, the visitors were unable to determine how the education provider evaluated the programme's effectiveness over that academic year. The visitors therefore require the document noted above, in order to determine that the programme continues to have effective, regular monitoring and evaluation systems in place.

Suggested evidence: Annual monitoring report for the academic year 2017/18.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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Education provider	University of Brighton
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date submission received	31 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13756-J9W3Q7

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Gordon Burrow	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration)
Lisa Marks Woolfson	Practitioner psychologist - Educational psychologist
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 1993
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07629

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Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Part time
Date submission received	19 December 2018
Case reference	CAS-13784-X0N2Y3

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Joanna Goodwin	Occupational therapist
Lisa Marks Woolfson	Practitioner psychologist - Educational psychologist
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07630

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: In a review of the documentation provided for this annual monitoring audit, the visitors noted that the education provider had provided a curriculum vitae for the current programme leader and academic lead. As this standard has been revised it now requires that the education provider has an effective process in place to identify a suitable person and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement for the

programme. From the information provided the visitors have not seen what the formal process is to appoint an individual with overall professional responsibility for the programme. As such, the visitors require further information about the process the education provider has in place to ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Suggested evidence: Information about the process the education provider has in place to appoint an appropriate person to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, to identify a suitable replacement.

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 06 March 2019 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	Brunel University London
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date submission received	25 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13766-B6H6N6

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Janet Lawrence	Physiotherapist
Gordon Pollard	Paramedic
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 March 1993
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 96
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07640

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
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Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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	Brunel University London
Name of programme(s)	MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-registration), Full time
Date submission received	18 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13767-P3M6Z5

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Gordon Pollard	Paramedic
Janet Lawrence	Physiotherapist
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-registration)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 72
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07642

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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Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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 Central Lancashire
Name of programme(s)	Advanced Certificate Non Medical Prescribing, Part time Advanced Certificate Non Medical Prescribing, Part time
Date submission received	17 December 2018
Case reference	CAS-13776-R8T0G4

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Gordon Pollard	Paramedic
Janet Lawrence	Physiotherapist (Independent prescriber)
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Advanced Certificate Non Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 October 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 12
Intakes per year	3
Assessment reference	AM07659

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

Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07661

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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	Coventry University
Name of programme(s)	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Science, Full time
Date submission received	04 February 2019
Case reference	CAS-13820-X5H5Y6

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Christine Hirsch	Independent prescriber
Paul Bates	Paramedic
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Science
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2008
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 100
Intakes per year	3
Assessment reference	AM07664

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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	Coventry University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science, Full time
Date submission received	06 December 2018
Case reference	CAS-13778-D4T8R1

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Through undertaking this process, we have noted areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes in section 6 of this report.

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Stephen McDonald	Biomedical scientist
Calum Delany	Speech and language therapist
Ismini Tsikaderi	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2009
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07665

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: To evidence this standard the education provider must demonstrate that there is a process in place to ensure that the person holding overall responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register. From a review of the documentation the visitors noted that the person in the leading role for the programme has relevant experience to perform appropriately in the role. However, the visitors were unclear whether there is an effective process in place to identify a suitable person and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement. Thus the education provider must evidence how they make the judgment and decision to allocate a person with overall professional responsibility for the programme.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must provide further evidence to demonstrate that there is a process in place when allocating the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme.

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

Reason: For this audit, the HCPC requires the education provider to submit monitoring of service user and carer involvement and monitoring of practice-based learning for the last two years. The education provider has provided some information in relation to involvement of service users and carers on the programme and feedback from service users who have been involved.

For service user and carer involvement monitoring, the documentation provided is relevant to annual quality monitoring. In the 2016-17 report there is information related to service user and carers' first involvement in the programme, in admissions, participation in specific modules, and collecting direct feedback from learners on placements. Although, service users and carers were meant to attend a 2017-18 annual quality monitoring meeting, it appears that this did not happen. From this information, the visitors have not seen how the education provider evaluates whether the service user carer involvement on the programme is effective, or whether the education provider has identified areas for further development and action plans.

In relation to practice-based learning the education provider has provided feedback from learners who have undertaken practice-based learning. However, the visitors have not seen information in relation to how this feedback has been evaluated, and whether any actions have been put in place as a result.

From the information provided, the visitors could not determine how monitoring information in relation to service user and carer involvement and practice-based learning is used and analysed, to demonstrate that there is an effective monitoring and evaluation system in place for those areas.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence of the monitoring of service user and carer involvement, and practice-based learning for the last two years.

4.9 The programme must ensure that learners are able to learn with, and from, professionals and learners in other relevant professions.

Reason: The education provider has reported that inter-professional learning (IPL) is an integral part of the curriculum in the programme. In their mapping, they have referred to the placement handbook, which notes that learners work in partnership with other professionals. However, from this information, it is unclear how the programme ensures that learners will learn with and from learners and professionals from other relevant professions in a structured way, in both in the academic and placement setting. Therefore, the visitors were unclear how IPL constitutes a formal part of the curriculum, and whether this standard is met.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence that demonstrates how learners will be able to learn with, and from, professionals and learners from other relevant professions in a structured way.

6.2 Assessment throughout the programme must ensure that learners demonstrate they are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

Reason: From a review of the documentation the education provider reported that learners “are expected to demonstrate appropriate professional behaviour, however this has not always been overtly assessed”. Additionally, the visitors noted that the education provider mentions learners who go on practice are expected to meet the SCPEs. The standard requires that assessment throughout the programme ensures that learners are able to meet the standards of performance, conduct and ethics (SCPEs). However with the information provided, the visitors were unclear how judgements are being made by the education provider to ensure that learners would meet the SCPEs on completion of the programme. Therefore, the visitors are unclear how this standard is met, and require further information.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence that assessment is being made explicitly to ensure that learners are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

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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Section 6: Future considerations for the programme(s)

We include this section to note areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes. Education providers do not need to respond to these areas through this assessment, but should consider how to engage with the HCPC around these areas in the future, for example through the monitoring processes. When this programme is next assessed against our standards, visitors will have access to this report, and will consider this section when making their recommendation on continuing programme approval.

Further to their recommendation, the visitors noted three areas which the programme should consider in future assessment cycles. The education provider should consider strengthening the assessment of an applicant’s professional suitability to become a programme leader with respect to being registered on the relevant part of the Register. In relation to the inter-professional learning the visitors suggest that the education provider considers integrating opportunities for interdisciplinary learning into the curriculum more formally and systematically. Finally with regards to assessment of the standards of conduct, performance and ethics, the education provider should consider making the assessment of students’ understanding of the SCPEs more explicit throughout the programme.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Coventry University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Dietetics, Full time BSc (Hons) Dietetics and Human Nutrition, Full time
Date submission received	05 December 2018
Case reference	CAS-13779-V6P4D4

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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.

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Anthony Power	Physiotherapist
Tracy Clephan	Dietitian
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive
John Archibald	HCPC executive (observer)

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Dietetics
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Dietitian
First intake	01 September 2000
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07669

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Dietetics and Human Nutrition
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Dietitian
First intake	01 September 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 41
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07679

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: 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 education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: In a review of the documentation provided for this annual monitoring audit, the visitors noted that the education provider had submitted CVs for the two programme leaders who share responsibility for the programme. As this standard has been revised it now requires that the education provider has an effective process in place to identify a suitable person and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement for the programme. From the information provided the visitors have not seen what the formal process is to appoint an individual with overall professional responsibility for the programme. As such, the visitors require further information about the process the education provider has in place to ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Suggested evidence: Information about the process the education provider has in place to appoint an appropriate person to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, to identify a suitable replacement.

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	Coventry University
Name of programme(s)	Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science, Full time Foundation Degree Paramedic Science, Part time
Date submission received	01 February 2019
Case reference	CAS-13780-B9V7W4

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Christine Hirsch	Independent prescriber
Paul Bates	Paramedic
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 74
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07674

Programme name	Foundation Degree Paramedic Science
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Paramedic

First intake	01 January 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 108
Intakes per year	3
Assessment reference	AM07678

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programmes 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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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 Derby
Name of programme(s)	Practice Certificate in Independent / Supplementary Prescribing (Podiatrists), Part time Practice Certificate in Independent / Supplementary Prescribing (Physiotherapists), Part time
Date submission received	30 November 2018
Case reference	CAS-13783-Y9Q4C6

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Gordon Pollard	Paramedic
Janet Lawrence	Physiotherapist (Independent prescriber)
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Practice Certificate in Independent / Supplementary Prescribing (Podiatrists)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07693

Programme name	Practice Certificate in Independent / Supplementary Prescribing (Physiotherapists)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07698

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
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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Derby
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography, (Full time)
Date submission received	15 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13842-P4C0B4

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Emma Supple	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration) Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – sale / supply)
Linda Mutema	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Tamara Wasylec	HCPC executive

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 1992
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07694

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Derby
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, FT (Full time) BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, PT (Part time) BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, FTA (Full time accelerated)
Date submission received	22 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13847-N0P5K2

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Jennifer Caldwell	Occupational therapist
Mary Hannon-Fletcher	Biomedical scientist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 October 1995
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 105
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07695

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 August 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07700

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FTA (Full time accelerated)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 August 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07701

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programmes 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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: In a review of the documentation provided for this annual monitoring audit, the visitors noted that the education provider had informed us Sian Burgess became programme leader from July 2017. This standard requires that the education provider has an effective process in place to identify a suitable person and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement for the programme. From the information provided the visitors have not seen what the formal process is to appoint an individual with overall professional responsibility for the programme. As such, the visitors require further information about the process the education provider has in place to ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Suggested evidence: Information about the process the education provider has in place to appoint an appropriate person to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, to identify a suitable replacement.

3.6 There must be an effective process in place to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

Reason: For this standard, the visitors were made aware of various aspects of how the education provider monitors practice-based learning environments, external meetings the placement team had, and minutes of meetings with placement educators. However, the visitors were not able to see the process the education provider has in place to make sure all learners on the programme have access to practice-based learning which meets their learning needs. As such, the visitors need to be sure there is an effective process in place to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

Suggested evidence: Information about the process the education provider has to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

6.2 Assessment throughout the programme must ensure that learners demonstrate they are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

Reason: For this standard, the visitors were made aware that learners are taught about the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs). However, the visitors were not able to see how the SCPEs are assessed within the programme. As such, the visitors require more information about how learners are able to demonstrate they understand the expectations associated with being a regulated professional.

Suggested evidence: Information about how assessment ensures learners understand and are able to meet our standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Derby
Name of programme(s)	MA Art Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	18 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13791-M7K6T9

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John Crossfield	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Philippa Brown	Arts therapist - Art therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Art Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07696

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Derby
Name of programme(s)	MSc in Diagnostic Radiography (pre-registration), FT (Full time)
Date submission received	16 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13792-H6V3G3

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Emma Supple	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Linda Mutema	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Tamara Wasylec	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc in Diagnostic Radiography (pre-registration)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 August 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07699

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

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 06 March 2019 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	De Montfort University
Name of programme(s)	BSc Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Graduate Certificate in Non Medical Prescribing, Part time Post Graduate Certificate Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time
Date submission received	25 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13850-R6D4F0

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Christine Hirsch	Independent prescriber
Paul Bates	Paramedic
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07704

Programme name	Graduate Certificate in Non Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 October 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07707

Programme name	Post Graduate Certificate Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07708

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programmes 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
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External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	King's College London
Name of programme(s)	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPSy), FT (Full time)
Date submission received	30 November 2018
Case reference	CAS-13813-G4L6J7

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James McManus	Practitioner psychologist - Clinical psychologist
Stephen Davies	Practitioner psychologist - Clinical psychologist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPSy)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Practitioner psychologist
Modality	Clinical psychologist
First intake	01 September 1992
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07746

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	As a result of upcoming programme review, the programme has not been required to submit an annual report for the academic year 2017-18 and so is not available.
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes	
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes	

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Leicester
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice, Full time
Date submission received	18 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13819-W0Y3B3

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David Bevan	Operating department practitioner
Nick Clark	Operating department practitioner
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Operating department practitioner
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07755

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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 Liverpool
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, FT (Full time)
Date submission received	11 February 2019
Case reference	CAS-13926-J9M2V6

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Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Valerie Maehle	Physiotherapist
Ismini Tsikaderi	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 1999
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 57
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07765

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: As part of their submission, the education provider has provided the curriculum vitae of an allocated person with overall responsibility for the programme. However, this standard is about whether there is a process in place for appointing an appropriately qualified and experienced person with overall responsibility to the programme. The visitors were unable to determine from the programme documentation if there is any clear procedure for appointing such a person and what arrangements are in place to appoint a replacement if required.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must provide further evidence which demonstrates what the process is in place for appointing the person who holds overall professional responsibility for the programme. Evidence could include job advertisement, job description or person specification

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	Liverpool John Moores University
Name of programme(s)	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Practice, Full time
Date submission received	14 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13829-X1J3R6

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David Whitmore	Paramedic
James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist
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 2009
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 41
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07772

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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	Liverpool John Moores University
Name of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing (Level 7), Part time Independent & Supplementary Prescribing (NMP) (Level 7), Part time
Date submission received	22 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13929-F8W4R7

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David Whitmore	Paramedic
James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing (Level 7)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 May 2011
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07773

Programme name	Independent & Supplementary Prescribing (NMP) (Level 7)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 February 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM07774

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programmes 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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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	Manchester Metropolitan University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date submission received	15 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13845-H2H2W8

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Through undertaking this process, we have noted areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes in section 6 of this report.

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Janet Lawrence	Physiotherapist
Gordon Pollard	Paramedic
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2003
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 134
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07798

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: To evidence this standard, the education provider has stated that Janet Rooney is the confirmed programme leader and this was approved by HCPC through the major change process. However, as this is a new standard we no longer require information about the person who has overall professional responsibility for the programme, instead we require information which demonstrates there is an effective

process in place to appoint an appropriate person, and if necessary, a suitable replacement. The education provider has not provided information about the process they have in place to identify a suitable person, and so the visitors require further information to determine whether this standard is met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence which demonstrates there is an effective process in place to identify an appropriate person to hold overall professional responsibility for the programme, and if necessary, a suitable replacement.

4.2 The learning outcomes must ensure that learners understand and are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

Reason: In the SETs mapping document for this standard, the education provider referred to the 'CAT Documentation Level 2017-2018' document as evidence. On page 32 of this document, it states "All students must comply with the HCPC (2010) Guidance on Conduct and Ethics for students". The BSc Hons Physiotherapy first year handbook also refers to this. The standards have been updated, and the revised version is the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (2016). As the references made in the documentation corresponded to the old version of the standards, the visitors found this could cause confusion for learners in understanding what is required of them. As such, the visitors require further evidence that demonstrate the documentation includes up to date information on the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

Suggested evidence: Revised documentation that includes up to date reference to the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

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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Section 6: Future considerations for the programme(s)

We include this section to note areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes. Education providers do not need to respond to these areas through this assessment, but should consider how to engage with the HCPC around these areas in the future, for example through the monitoring processes. When this programme is next assessed against our standards, visitors will have access to this report, and will consider this section when making their recommendation on continuing programme approval.

In the documentation, the education provider has highlighted that there are plans in place to explore the potential for role-emerging placements as elective practise-based

learning opportunities for learners, which would be supervised by allied health professionals. The education provider notes that there are no changes to date, as this is currently in the planning phase and is unlikely to be operational before summer 2019. If the changes are to be implemented, this may impact the way some of the standards are met, in particular the standards related to practice-based learning. The education provider should engage with the major change process when the changes are likely to occur.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Manchester Metropolitan University
Name of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time
Date submission received	23 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13946-X4L8G5

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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.

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David Whitmore	Paramedic
James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 May 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 60
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07801

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 April 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07806

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programmes 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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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)

We include this section to note areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes. Education providers do not need to respond to this section at this time, but should consider whether to engage with the HCPC around these areas in the future.

In a review of the documentation, the visitors noted that the education provider has increased the range of professions permitted to apply for a place on the programmes noted. The visitors noted that there is no declared intention to increase the numbers of learners. However should the education provider intend to increase the learner numbers beyond the approved number of 30 they will need to submit a change notification form informing us of the change, so the impact can be assessed against our standards and if approved our programme records can be updated to reflect the accurate information.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Manchester Metropolitan University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Sciences - Life Sciences (Blood Sciences), FT (Full time) BSc (Hons) Healthcare Sciences - Life Sciences (Cellular Sciences), FT (Full time) BSc (Hons) Healthcare Sciences - Life Sciences (Genetic Sciences), FT (Full time) BSc (Hons) Healthcare Sciences - Life Sciences (Infection Sciences), FT (Full time)
Date submission received	20 December 2018
Case reference	CAS-13848-V8T2H1

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Jennifer Caldwell	Occupational therapist
Mary Hannon-Fletcher	Biomedical scientist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Sciences - Life Sciences (Blood Sciences)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07802

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Sciences - Life Sciences (Cellular Sciences)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07803

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Sciences - Life Sciences (Genetic Sciences)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07804

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Sciences - Life Sciences (Infection Sciences)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07805

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programmes 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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: In a review of the documentation provided for this annual monitoring audit, the visitors noted that the education provider had informed us Carol Ainley, retains overall professional responsibility for the programme. This standard requires that the education provider has an effective process in place to identify a suitable person and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement for the programme. From the information provided the visitors have not seen what the formal process is to appoint an individual with overall professional responsibility for the programme. As such, the visitors require further information about the process the education provider has in place to ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Suggested evidence: Information about the process the education provider has in place to appoint an appropriate person to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, to identify a suitable replacement.

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	New College Durham
Validating body	The Open University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date submission received	08 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13851-D1H8W6

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David Whitmore	Paramedic
James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
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 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07808

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	New College Durham
Validating body	The Open University
Name of programme(s)	Prescription Only Medicine Certificate, Part time
Date submission received	21 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13854-X6K1B2

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David Whitmore	Paramedic
James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Independent prescriber)
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Certificate in Local Anaesthesia
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Prescription only medicines – administration
First intake	01 September 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 5
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07809

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
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	No	This was not required for 2016-17 as the programme has only been running for 1 year.
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	This document is not available as this is not required to be submitted by the university. Instead, the education provider discussed this report in team meetings where any action planned is implemented within the programme.
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	No	This document is not available for 2017-18 as the programme has only been running for 1 year.
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	This document is not available for 2017-18 as the programme has only been running for 1 year.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	New College Durham
Validating body	The Open University
Name of programme(s)	Prescription Only Medicine Certificate, Part time
Date submission received	25 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13950-Z7G0T7

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David Whitmore	Paramedic
James Pickard	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – sale / supply)
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Prescription Only Medicine Certificate
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Prescription only medicines – sale / supply
First intake	01 September 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 5
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07810

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
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	No	This was not required for 2016-17 as the programme has only been running for 1 year.
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	This document is not available because it is not required by the university through their processes. Instead, the education provider discussed this report in team meetings where any action planned is implemented within the programme.
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	N/A	This document is not required as practice placements are not undertaken as part of this programme.
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	N/A	This is not required because the learners do not come into contact with any service users during this programme.

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 Nottingham
Name of programme(s)	Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology, Full time Top up Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology, Full time
Date submission received	15 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13858-C2T1Z0

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Sally Evans	Practitioner psychologist - Forensic psychologist
Martin Benwell	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Eloise O'Connell	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Practitioner psychologist
Modality	Forensic psychologist
First intake	01 September 2010
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07816

Programme name	Top up Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Practitioner psychologist
Modality	Forensic psychologist
First intake	01 September 2010
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 5
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07822

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	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	Yes	
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes	
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	The education provider has highlighted that due to legal requirements and the sensitivity of discussing victimisation, the programmes have not had extensive service user involvement. Hence, the absence of a full monitoring report.

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.

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

Reason: For this annual monitoring audit, we now require the education provider to submit evidence of their monitoring of service user and carer involvement for the last two years. In their submission, the education provider highlighted that due to legal requirements and the sensitivity of discussing victimisation, the programmes have not had extensive service user involvement. Hence, the absence of a full monitoring report.

On their review of the submission for this audit, the visitors did not see any evidence included within the documentation regarding where in the programme service users have been involved, or any evidence of monitoring of this involvement. We do not expect to see a specific report to demonstrate monitoring of service user and carer involvement on the programme, however we do expect to see information on the following, contained within the education providers internal monitoring:

- Where on the programme service user and carer involvement has taken place, and its effectiveness;
- Feedback from stakeholders regarding service user and carer involvement, areas for further development and any information regarding action plans.

The visitors have not seen any information relating to the monitoring of service user and carer involvement on the programme for the last two years. As such, the visitors could not determine that there continues to be regular and effective monitoring and evaluation systems in place, for all areas of the programme. The visitors therefore require evidence of the monitoring of service user and carer involvement in the last two years, in order to determine whether this standard continues to be met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence of the monitoring of service user and carer involvement on the programme in the last two years.

3.7 Service users and carers must be involved in the programme.

Reason: For the annual monitoring audit, we now require the education provider to submit evidence of their monitoring of service user and carer involvement for the last two years. In their submission, the education provider highlighted that due to legal requirements and the sensitivity of discussing victimisation, the programmes have not had extensive service user involvement. Hence, the absence of a full monitoring report.

The visitors read that one service user has been invited to speak on the programme. On their review of the submission for this audit, the visitors did not see any evidence included within the documentation regarding where else in the programme service users have been involved, or any evidence of monitoring of this involvement.

As the education provider has highlighted that there is limited service user and carer involvement on this programme, and because the visitors have not seen any evidence in the submission that demonstrates on-going involvement of service users and carers, the visitors could not determine whether this standard continues to be met. Referring to our guidance for this standard, we state that the education provider should have processes in place to plan, monitor and evaluate service user and carer involvement. The education provider should also be able to explain where and how the involvement takes place, how this is appropriate to the programme and how it has contributed to governing and continuously improving the programme. The education provider should also make sure that there is support available for service users, so that they are able to be appropriately involved. The visitors have not seen information to demonstrate this, and therefore require evidence from the education provider which demonstrates service users and carers continue to be involved in the programme, in an on-going and meaningful way.

Suggested evidence: Evidence which demonstrates service users and carers continue to be involved in the programme, in an on-going and meaningful way.

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

Reason: From their review of the documentation, the visitors note that it appears that two members of staff, both of whom are forensic psychiatrists, have left the programme. The visitors could not find information in the documentation regarding whether this reduction in staff has had an impact on the programme. Additionally, the visitors were not clear if the loss of these two members of staff would have an impact on range of experience amongst staff. From the information provided, the visitors were not clear what impact this loss of staff has had on the staffing provision for the programme, or what the education provider has done to address this, to ensure that there continues to be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver the programme. Therefore, the visitors require further information to determine whether this standard continues to be met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence which demonstrates what roles were undertaken by the two staff members that have left, and how these roles are covered within the new staffing structure, to ensure there continues to be adequate staffing on the programme.

3.17 There must be an effective process in place to support and enable learners to raise concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users.

Reason: In the SETs mapping document, the education provider explained that learners on practice-based learning receive regular supervision from a practice supervisor on site, a coordinating supervisor and two research supervisors. The education provider further explained that all concerns related to practice, including the safety and wellbeing of service users are first discussed in supervision on site, and if that is not appropriate, other supervisors can be contacted. The education provider referred to the course handbook as evidence. From their review of the information, the

visitors could not find any reference to raising concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users in the course handbook, on the pages indicated. This standard is about helping learners to recognise situations where service users may be at risk, supporting them in raising any concerns and making sure action is taken in response to those concerns. From the information provided, the visitors could not determine how learners are made aware of the process to raise concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users, or what support would be in place to enable them to do so. Therefore, the visitors require further information which demonstrates there is an effective process in place to support and enable learners to raise concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users.

Suggested evidence: Information about how learners are made aware of their responsibility to raise concerns for the safety and well-being of service users, and the support in place which enables them to raise those concerns.

3.18 The education provider must ensure learners, educators and others are aware that only successful completion of an approved programme leads to eligibility for admission to the Register.

Reason: For this standard, the visitors were referred to the course handbook and a section of the website. Throughout the course handbook, it is mentioned that the Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology programme and the Top up Professional Doctorate in Forensic Psychology programme, would enable graduates to be eligible to apply for registration with the HCPC. The programmes also have the option of an MSc in Forensic and Criminological Psychology, which is only awarded to learners who have successfully completed the Masters programme but do not progress onto year two of the professional doctorate programme. The visitors found no information in the course handbook about whether the MSc in Forensic and Criminological Psychology would confer eligibility for admission to the register. The website is also not explicit in its description of the exit award, whether it would confer eligibility for admission to the Register. As such, the visitors could not determine whether learners, educators and others would be aware that if they were to exit the programme with a standalone MSc, they would not be eligible to apply for admission to the register.

Suggested evidence: Documentation which demonstrates that learners, educators and others are made aware that any exit award of the approved programmes would not confer eligibility to apply for admission to the HCPC register.

4.9 The programme must ensure that learners are able to learn with, and from, professionals and learners in other relevant professions.

Reason: For this standard, the education provider has explained that learners on year one of the programme have a certain proportion of teaching and workshops shared with learners in other areas of applied psychology, and other disciplines such as law and criminology. They also highlight that in practice, learners work in multi-disciplinary environments. The education provider notes that this has always been practice for the programme, and they do not consider there has been a change to how they meet this standard. However, as this is a new standard we have not previously assessed programmes to determine how they meet this standard. As such, while there may be no change for the education provider on how they meet the standard, we have not previously seen the evidence which we now require. From the information provided, while the education provider has given their explanation of what they have been doing,

the visitors have not seen evidence of how interprofessional education is designed and delivered to ensure it is as relevant as possible for learners, and has the most benefit possible for their future professional practice and for service users and carers. Therefore, the visitors require evidence which demonstrates how the programme will ensure that learners are able to learn with, and from, professionals and learners in other relevant professions.

Suggested evidence: Evidence on how interprofessional education is designed and delivered, to demonstrate where and how 'learning with and from' professionals and learners in other relevant professions, takes place on the programme.

4.10 The programme must include effective processes for obtaining appropriate consent from service users and learners.

Reason: The SETs mapping document refers to a 'letter of agreement to participate from students' as evidence for this standard. The visitors could not find this as part of the submission, and therefore could not make a judgement on whether this is an effective process for obtaining appropriate consent. Therefore, the visitors require further information to make a judgement on whether this standard continues to be met.

Suggested evidence: A copy of the 'letter of agreement to participate from students' which is referred to as evidence for this standard.

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	University of Portsmouth
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography and Medical Imaging, (Full time)
Date submission received	28 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13981-G2V5Y7

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Emma Supple	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – sale / supply) Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration)
Linda Mutema	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Tamara Wasylec	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography and Medical Imaging
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 55
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07851

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	Yes	
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes	
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes	

Section 4: Visitors’ recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Southampton
Name of programme(s)	Doctorate in Educational Psychology, Full time
Date submission received	09 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13912-H9T0N0

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Gordon Burrow	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration)
Lisa Marks Woolfson	Practitioner psychologist - Educational psychologist
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Doctorate in Educational Psychology
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Practitioner psychologist
Modality	Educational psychologist
First intake	01 January 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 12
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07887

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Outcome from first review

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Further evidence required

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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 education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: In a review of the documentation provided for this annual monitoring audit, the visitors noted that the education provider had submitted a curriculum vitae for Sarah

Wright who is the current programme leader. As this standard has been revised it now requires that the education provider has an effective process in place to identify a suitable person and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement for the programme. From the information provided the visitors have not seen what the formal process is to appoint an individual with overall professional responsibility for the programme. As such, the visitors require further information about the process the education provider has in place to ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Suggested evidence: Information about the process the education provider has in place to appoint an appropriate person to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, to identify a suitable replacement.

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Section 6: Future considerations for the programme(s)

We include this section to note areas that may need to be considered as part of future HCPC assessment processes. Education providers do not need to respond to these areas through this assessment, but should consider how to engage with the HCPC around these areas in the future, for example through the monitoring processes. When this programme is next assessed against our standards, visitors will have access to this report, and will consider this section when making their recommendation on continuing programme approval.

From a review of the programme documentation, the visitors read that programmes currently supported by the education provider will be split across three new faculties, and as such knowledge and expertise may be dispersed. The visitors would like to recommend that this is reviewed at the next annual monitoring audit to determine whether there are any changes to the way the programme meets the standards of education and training, such as around staff resources, as a result of the split in faculties.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Southampton
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date submission received	01 February 2019
Case reference	CAS-13997-V3D2Q7

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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 June 1993
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07888

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Staffordshire University
Name of programme(s)	Professional Doctorate in Health Psychology, Full time Professional Doctorate in Health Psychology, Part time
Date submission received	07 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13917-B7Y9P8

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Antony Ward	Practitioner psychologist - Counselling psychologist
Lincoln Simmonds	Practitioner psychologist - Clinical psychologist
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Professional Doctorate in Health Psychology
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Practitioner psychologist
Modality	Health psychologist
First intake	01 September 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 6
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07901

Programme name	Professional Doctorate in Health Psychology
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Practitioner psychologist
Modality	Health psychologist
First intake	01 August 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 6
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07909

We undertook this assessment to consider whether the programmes 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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: In their evidence for this standard the education provider submitted staff CVs for the joint programme leaders. The visitors considered that these individuals were appropriate for the roles; however, the education provider did not submit evidence relating to the process by which either of the individuals would be replaced if it became necessary to do so. The visitors were therefore unable to determine whether the standard was met, as they could make a decision about how the education provider would ensure that the person with overall professional responsibility continued to be appropriately qualified and experienced.

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating that an effective process is in place for replacing the existing programme leads.

3.6 There must be an effective process in place to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

Reason: The visitors understood that the programme required all learners to bring their own practice-based learning placements on to the programme with them. They were aware that the education provider had oversight of these placements via an approval process, regular reports and visits. The visitors considered that these arrangements were appropriate. However, it was not clear to them what process was in place to enable learners to secure new practice-based learning if their planned placements fell through. The process for approving replacement settings once they were found was appropriate but the visitors could not see how such replacement settings would be found. They were therefore not able to determine whether an effective process was in place to ensure availability of practice-based learning for all learners.

Suggested evidence: Evidence showing how the education provider ensures that learners still have access to appropriate practice-based learning if their initial placements become unavailable for any reason.

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 06 March 2019 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 Surrey
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science, Full time
Date submission received	05 December 2018
Case reference	CAS-14007-F6R3C6

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Patricia McClure	Occupational therapist
Vincent Clarke	Paramedic
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07920

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	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	N/A	Not required as they only respond to external examiner reports that are not addressed at a final board.
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes	
Service user and carer involvement 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.

3.3 The education provider must ensure that the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: The visitors could not see where in the documentation the evidence for this standard had been submitted. The mapping document made reference to CVs and a role outline but the visitors were unable to see where this information was contained within the documentation. They were therefore unable to determine whether the standard was met. They also considered that given the evidence mentioned in the mapping exercise, the education provider may not have understood that SET 3.3 now requires education providers to supply evidence relating not just to the current programme leader, but also to demonstrate that they have a consistent process for identifying appropriate replacements going forward.

Suggested evidence: Evidence mentioned in the mapping document but apparently not submitted, and documentation demonstrating that the education provider has an effective process in place to identify a suitable person for the role of programme leader.

3.6 There must be an effective process in place to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

Reason: For this standard the visitors were directed to XXXX, however in reviewing the documentation the visitors were unable to see how the evidence mentioned in the mapping document was relevant to how this standard continues to be met. They therefore require the education provider to clarify how they meet this standard. The education provider must clarify whether they have changed anything to meet the standard and how those changes ensure the standard is met. Alternatively, if the education provider considers that they meet the standard without needing to make any changes, they must provide a rationale for how current process meets the standard.

Suggested evidence: Evidence showing whether the education provider has an effective process in place to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning.

3.17 There must be an effective process in place to support and enable learners to raise concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users.

Reason: The visitors were not able to view the concern escalation policy referenced in the audit document, as it was not included in the documentation. They were therefore unable to determine whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating that there are policies in place to enable concerns to be raised by learners, as necessary.

4.2 The learning outcomes must ensure that learners understand and are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

Reason: The visitors could not access the evidence referenced in the audit document, as it was not included in the evidence submission, and so they were unable to make a judgment about whether this standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating that expectations of professional behaviour are appropriately embedded in the curriculum, and the evidence referenced in the audit document.

4.9 The programme must ensure that learners are able to learn with, and from, professionals and learners in other relevant professions.

Reason: The visitors were not able to view evidence referred to in the audit document for this standard, as it was not provided in the evidence. Additionally, from the narrative in the audit document it was not clear to the visitors that the education provider had fully understood the requirements of the standard in relation to learning “with and from” professionals and learners, and planning and explaining this appropriately.

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating that learners are able to truly learn “with and from” professionals and learners from other professions.

5.4 Practice-based learning must take place in an environment that is safe and supportive for learners and service users.

Reason: The visitors reviewed the audits from some of the practice-based learning settings, and noted that in ambulance service placements learners were no longer having protected time for debriefing following certain types of incidents. The visitors therefore were not clear that the education provider was able to ensure that all practice-based learning settings were safe and supportive.

Suggested evidence: Evidence showing the how the education provider ensures a safe and supportive environment, including appropriate support for learners where necessary.

5.5 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff involved in practice-based learning.

Reason: The visitors noted that some practice-based learning audits mentioned issues with ratios of learners to practice educators, but this did not appear to have been discussed or addressed in documentation. They therefore require the education provider to clarify the situation around these ratios so that they can determine whether this standard continues to be met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence showing that the education provider have adequate numbers of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in practice-based learning.

6.2 Assessment throughout the programme must ensure that learners demonstrate they are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics.

Reason: The visitors could not access the evidence referenced in the audit document, as it was not included in the documentation, and so they were unable to make a judgment about whether this standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating that assessments of professional behaviour are appropriately embedded in the curriculum, and the evidence referenced in the audit document.

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	University of the West of England, Bristol
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	31 January 2019
Case reference	CAS-13960-N9C3Q1

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Joanna Goodwin	Occupational therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Rabie Sultan	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 1996
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07969

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of the West of England, Bristol
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Imaging, Full time
Date submission received	04 February 2019
Case reference	CAS-14040-R1M9P7

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Joanne Lusher	Practitioner psychologist - Health psychologist
Linda Mutema	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Shaista Ahmad	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Imaging
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 58
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07970

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

Section 4: Visitors’ recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of the West of England, Bristol
Validating body	University of the West of England, Bristol
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, FT (Full time)
Date submission received	06 February 2019
Case reference	CAS-14041-T2L1B9

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Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Valerie Maehle	Physiotherapist
Ismini Tsikaderi	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 1997
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 97
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM07972

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
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes
Service user and carer involvement 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 remain approved.