Education and Training Committee Panel

Programmes which have been subject to major change and for which an approval visit is recommended.

Programme name	BA (Hons) Social Work (Cambridge)
Education provider	Anglia Ruskin University
Mode of delivery	FT (Full time)
Assessment ref	MC04236
Date of decision	22 August 2019

Panel:

Maureen Drake (Chair) Luke Jenkinson Penny Joyce Stephen Wordsworth

health & care professions council

Decision

That the programme has been subject to major change and that an approval visit is required to determine how the programme continues to meet the relevant education standards.

Reasons

The Panel noted the comments provided by the education provider, including that they would like the programme to be approved based on the additional information they provided through their response.

The Panel agreed with the conclusion reached that a visit is required to ensure the standards are met by the Degree Apprenticeship programme, and to consider the impact of the introduction of this programme on the existing programmes. They noted that the provider has been given two opportunities to meet the standards via a documentary process, and therefore now considered that a visit provides the most effective way for the education provider to demonstrate how all relevant education standards are met.

The Panel also noted the education provider's concerns that they could not run the programme without HCPC approval, and that there could be challenges with having the programme approved with the transfer to Social Work England (SWE). In relation to this, the Panel noted that the HCPC is comfortable with providers who run existing social work provision starting Degree Apprenticeship programmes prior to formal approval from the HCPC. Therefore, the education provider is able to start the programme along their proposed timeframes, understanding the risk around running a programme that will be assessed after it commences.

The Panel could also see no reason to visit this programme along shortened timeframes, for the reasons noted above, and as the Panel could see no risk in the existing programmes running while this assessment is being undertaken. Therefore, the visit should be held along normal timescales. Due to the transfer, the HCPC will pass information about this case to SWE in line with the transfer agreement.

Signed: Maureen Drake, Panel Chair

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Programmes which have been subject to major change and for which an approval visit is recommended.

Programme name	BA (Hons) Social Work (Chelmsford)
Education provider	Anglia Ruskin University
Mode of delivery	FT (Full time)
Assessment ref	MC04237
Date of decision	22 August 2019

Panel:

Maureen Drake (Chair) Luke Jenkinson Penny Joyce Stephen Wordsworth

health & care professions council

Decision

That the programme has been subject to major change and that an approval visit is required to determine how the programme continues to meet the relevant education standards.

Reasons

The Panel noted the comments provided by the education provider, including that they would like the programme to be approved based on the additional information they provided through their response.

The Panel agreed with the conclusion reached that a visit is required to ensure the standards are met by the Degree Apprenticeship programme, and to consider the impact of the introduction of this programme on the existing programmes. They noted that the provider has been given two opportunities to meet the standards via a documentary process, and therefore now considered that a visit provides the most effective way for the education provider to demonstrate how all relevant education standards are met.

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Signed: Maureen Drake, Panel Chair

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Programmes which have been subject to major change and for which an approval visit is recommended.

Programme name	BA (Hons) Social Work (Degree Apprenticeship)
Education provider	Anglia Ruskin University
Mode of delivery	WBL (Work based learning)
Assessment ref	MC04336
Date of decision	22 August 2019

Panel:

Maureen Drake (Chair) Luke Jenkinson Penny Joyce Stephen Wordsworth

health & care professions council

Decision

That the programme has been subject to major change and that an approval visit is required to determine how the programme continues to meet the relevant education standards.

Reasons

The Panel noted the comments provided by the education provider, including that they would like the programme to be approved based on the additional information they provided through their response.

The Panel agreed with the conclusion reached that a visit is required to ensure the standards are met by the Degree Apprenticeship programme, and to consider the impact of the introduction of this programme on the existing programmes. They noted that the provider has been given two opportunities to meet the standards via a documentary process, and therefore now considered that a visit provides the most effective way for the education provider to demonstrate how all relevant education standards are met.

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The Panel could also see no reason to visit this programme along shortened timeframes, for the reasons noted above, and as the Panel could see no risk in the existing programmes running while this assessment is being undertaken. Therefore, the visit should be held along normal timescales. Due to the transfer, the HCPC will pass information about this case to SWE in line with the transfer agreement.

Signed: Maureen Drake, Panel Chair