

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Academy for Healthcare Science
Name of programme(s)	Certificate of Equivalence, Full time
Date submission received	05 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15494-J7N5X2

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Ruth Ashbee	Clinical scientist
Mark Widdowfield	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Certificate of Equivalence
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Clinical scientist
First intake	01 October 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 500
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09053

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	No	Not required because the programme does not have practice-based learning, it is a portfolio-based certification.
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.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 25 March 2020 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	Aston University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology), Full time BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology), Part time BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology), Work based learning
Date submission received	06 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15392-L7N1V9

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Elizabeth Ross	Hearing aid dispenser
Carly Elliott	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Rabie Sultan	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Hearing aid dispenser
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09064

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)

Profession	Hearing aid dispenser
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09067

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology)
Mode of study	WBL (Work based learning)
Profession	Hearing aid dispenser
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09068

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Education provider	Aston University
Name of programme(s)	Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology, Full time
Date submission received	31 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15395-C5M6M4

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Hearing aid dispenser
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09065

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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Bangor University
Name of programme(s)	Non medical / Independent prescribing, PT (Part time)
Date submission received	04 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15150-B1Q5D9

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Gemma Quinn	Independent prescriber
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Tracey Samuel-Smith	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non medical / Independent prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09070

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
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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: 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.

A.4 The admissions procedures must ensure that the education provider has equality and diversity policies in relation to applicants and students , together with an indication of how these will be implemented and monitored.

Reason: Within the documentation, the visitors noted the introduction of interviews to the admissions process. The visitors were directed to the ‘Old Prescribing Application’ form and ‘2019-20 NMP Interview Questions’. From this the visitors noted the range of information requested from the applicants relating to ‘nationality’, ‘country of domicile / area of permanent residence’ and ‘applicants not born in the United Kingdom only’. The visitors were unsure of how applicants were selected for interview, for example, what

level of information about the candidate was provided to the person shortlisting to ensure the process was impartial and did not discriminate unfairly against certain applicants. The visitors therefore require further evidence which demonstrates the equality and diversity policies in place relating to the interview process.

Suggested documentation: The education provider must demonstrate the equality and diversity policies in place relating to the interview process.

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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Education provider	Bangor University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography, Full time
Date submission received	04 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15151-Y4D9H8

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Mark Widdowfield	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Niall Gooch	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 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09071

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Required documentation	Submitted	Reason(s) for non-submission
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes	
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes	
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	Some documentation is currently not accessible as it is stored on the personal drive of a staff member who has recently died.
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	No	See above.
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	See above.

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.

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 education provider submitted a job description of the programme lead role. The visitors considered that this description of the role seemed suitable. However, this standard as updated in 2017 requires that education providers also demonstrate that they have a suitable process in place for appointing a new programme lead if it becomes necessary to do so. The education provider did not submit evidence relating to this and so the visitors were not able to determine whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show what process is in place to appoint a suitable new programme leader if it becomes necessary to do so.

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 submitted as evidence some documentation for a scenario involving discussion and roleplay between learners on the programme and nursing learners. The visitors considered that while this exercise could form part of appropriate interprofessional education (IPE), they could not determine whether the standard was met because it was not clear where learners had the opportunity to learn with, and from, professionals in other relevant professions. They also considered that it was not clear how the scenario supplied in evidence was integrated with the rest of the programme.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to demonstrate how learners are able to learn with, and from, professionals in other relevant professions, and how IPE was appropriately timetabled to ensure that all learners would have access to IPE. integrated with the wider programme).

5.7 Practice educators must undertake regular training which is appropriate to their role, learners' needs and the delivery of the learning outcomes of the programme.

Reason: For this standard the education provider indicated that a change had been made in the way they met the standard, and they submitted a "supervision guide" outlining the role and expectations of those who had practice educator responsibilities. However, this evidence did not show how the education provider ensured that practice educators undertook regular training. The education provider did supply a short narrative explaining how they had worked around problems in getting practice educators to undertake training. However, this narrative was not supported by evidence and so the visitors were unable to make an evidence-based decision about whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to support the workings of the process described by the narrative in the mapping document for this standard.

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: In their evidence the education provider submitted clinical assessment paperwork and referred the visitors to part of the Portfolio Handbook, the pages outlining briefly to learners what would be required of them. However, it was not clear to the visitors from this evidence where in the programme learners' ability to meet the

expectations of professional behaviour and the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs) would be assessed. As there was not, for example, a mapping document for what was assessed in each module, they were unable to determine whether assessment throughout the programme met the standard.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show that throughout the programme, across the different modules, assessment of learners' ability to meet expectations of professional behaviour and the SCPEs was appropriately integrated.

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	Birmingham Metropolitan College
Validating body	University of Wolverhampton
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date submission received	03 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15517-P0J6C9

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Joanna Goodwin	Occupational therapist
Andrew Hill	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration) Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – sale / supply)
Temilolu Odunaike	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 2015
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	1

Assessment reference	AM09073
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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: For this standard, the visitors reviewed the job description for the Head of School amongst other documents submitted. From their review, the visitors could see that the education provider's process for appointing a suitable person to lead the programme requires them to be appropriately qualified and experienced. However, they could not see that the person is required to be on the relevant part of the Register, or any other arrangements put in place in circumstances where they are not on the Register. Therefore, to determine whether this standard continues to be met, the education provider is required to provide additional evidence that shows their requirements for ensuring that the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme is on the relevant part of the Register, unless other arrangements are appropriate.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence demonstrating the education provider's process for ensuring that any person appointed to hold overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified, experienced and on the relevant part of the Register, unless other arrangements are appropriate.

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 24 March 2020 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	Buckinghamshire New University
Name of programme(s)	Graduate Certificate Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Postgraduate Certificate Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time
Date submission received	29 November 2019
Case reference	CAS-15402-N7J7N1

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The following is a report on the annual monitoring process undertaken by the HCPC to ensure that programme(s) detailed in this report meet our standards for prescribing (for education providers) (referred to through this report as ‘our standards’). The report details the process itself, the evidence considered, and recommendations made regarding programme approval.

Section 1: Our regulatory approach

Our standards

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HCPC panel

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Julie-Anne Lowe	Occupational therapist
Rosemary Furner	Independent prescriber
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Graduate Certificate Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	3
Assessment reference	AM09075

Programme name	Postgraduate Certificate Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	3
Assessment reference	AM09076

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.

B.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 register of their statutory regulator.

Reason: The visitors reviewed the mapping document suggesting what evidence the education provider had included to evidence the standard. The visitors were not able to view some of this evidence in the submission. They were therefore unable to be clear whether the standard was met. In particular, they were not sure what the BAF referred to, and they were not clear whether the education provider had a clear process in place that would be followed if it became necessary to replace a programme leader.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to demonstrate that there is an appropriate process in place for appointing a new programme leader if it becomes necessary to do so.

B.9 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced and, where appropriate, registered staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

Reason: The visitors were aware from their review of the documentation that the programme leader had reduced their time commitment from being full-time to being 0.6 FTE. The education provider indicated that they intended to recruit more staff to ensure that enough staff time was still available to deliver the role appropriately. However, it was not clear from the evidence submitted whether the appointments had yet been made. They therefore require clarification around the staffing situation to determine whether this standard has been met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to clarify the number of staff that are now on the programme, and how they are used to deliver an effective programme.

B.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 their review of the evidence the visitors were not able to view the raising concerns policy. The mapping referred to a “whistleblowing policy” as a way for learners to raise issues of concern but the visitors could not see this within the submission. They were therefore unable to determine whether this standard had been met.

Suggested evidence: The policy used by the education provider to give information to learners around raising concerns and whistleblowing.

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 25 March 2020 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	Cardiff University
Name of programme(s)	Pg Dip Occupational Therapy, Full time accelerated
Date submission received	02 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15158-S5S3K1

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Section 1: Our regulatory approach

Our standards

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Julie-Anne Lowe	Occupational therapist
Rosemary Furner	Independent prescriber
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Pg Dip Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FTA (Full time accelerated)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09096

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	No	An internal quality report for 2018-19 has not been produced but the education provider did submit a programme improvement plan.
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	The external examiner's report for 2018-19 was not received until November 2019 and the response has not yet been completed.
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.

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 aware from the evidence submission that the education provider had made a change to the way it incorporated interprofessional education (IPE) into the programme. Having previously incorporated IPE predominantly in practice-based learning, the programme now included IPE in the taught portions of the programme. The mapping document mentioned that this took place in modules HC3009, HCT115, and HCT158. However, the evidence submission did not include information about the detail of this IPE, about which other professions were involved and the rationale for their involvement. Therefore the visitors were not able to determine whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence giving further detail about which specific IPE activities were included in modules HC3009, HCT115 and HCT158.

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	Cardiff University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date submission received	29 November 2019
Case reference	CAS-15159-V4B3D2

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HCPC panel

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Stephen Boynes	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Valerie Maehle	Physiotherapist
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 147
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09097

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 evidence for this standard, the visitors were directed to the Programme Manager Role Descriptor and the School of Healthcare Sciences Academic and Management Structure documents. The visitors could see from their review of these documents, the responsibilities of the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme as well as the requirement for them to be on the relevant part of the Register. However, they could not identify any process that the education provider has in place to ensure that this person is appropriately qualified and experienced. As such, the visitors could not see the education provider's criteria for determining the suitability of the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme and therefore require further evidence to demonstrate this standard continues to be met.

Suggested evidence: Additional evidence that demonstrates effective process for ensuring that the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced.

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	City, University of London
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging), Full time
Date submission received	31 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15536-H0W2W4

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HCPC panel

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Ruth Ashbee	Clinical scientist
Mark Widdowfield	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 67
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09105

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.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 25 March 2020 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	City, University of London
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology), Full time
Date submission received	23 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15551-D5L8Y6

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Elizabeth Ross	Hearing aid dispenser
Carly Elliott	Therapeutic radiographer
Rabie Sultan	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Therapeutic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 94
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09106

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.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 25 March 2020 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC’s decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	City, University of London
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	31 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15552-R6M7Z1

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Gemma Howlett	Paramedic
Caroline Sykes	Speech and language therapist
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Speech and language therapist
First intake	01 September 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 50 shared across the MSc Speech and Language Therapy (Hons) programme.
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09107

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: Visitors' recommendation

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

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 25 March 2020 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	City, University of London
Name of programme(s)	MSc Speech and Language Therapy, Full time Pg Dip Speech and Language Therapy, Full time Master in Speech and Language Therapy (with Hons), Full time
Date submission received	31 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15553-F4P5M5

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Gemma Howlett	Paramedic
Caroline Sykes	Speech and language therapist
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Speech and Language Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Speech and language therapist
First intake	01 September 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 100
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09108

Programme name	Pg Dip Speech and Language Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Speech and language therapist
First intake	01 September 2001

Maximum learner cohort	Exit award for MSc Speech and Language Therapy
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09109

Programme name	Master in Speech and Language Therapy (with Hons)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Speech and language therapist
First intake	01 September 2020
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 50 shared across the BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy programme.
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09110

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	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, (Full time)
Date submission received	19 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15163-C3L4J8

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Andrew Hill	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Podiatry
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Chiropodist / podiatrist
First intake	01 September 2011
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09112

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

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	20 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15164-Y0V6T8

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Speech and language therapist
First intake	01 September 2011
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 44
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09113

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
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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Full time
Date submission received	27 November 2019
Case reference	CAS-15166-M6J6R5

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Julie Leaper	Dietitian
Karen Diamond	Arts therapist - Music therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition and Dietetics
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Dietitian
First intake	01 April 1992
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 28
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09121

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	Yes	Monitoring of service user and carer involvement for two years ago not provided. Education provider unable to find it due to change of programme leader.

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.

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

3.10 Subject areas must be delivered by educators with relevant specialist knowledge and expertise.

Reason: From the mapping document, the education provider said there was no change to how the programme meets these standards. However, the visitors were made aware that there had been changes to staffing on the programme, and discussion about staffing issues. The data reflection and commentary by the programme director said 'unable to visit all learners on clinical placements due to staffing levels and distance to travel'. The document also said the programme has limited capacity here for teaching and training at present. The visitors therefore are unclear whether there is an appropriate number of staff who are able and equipped to deliver the programme effectively, and whether educators have the necessary knowledge and expertise to deliver their parts of the programme effectively. The visitors need to see further evidence that there is an appropriate number of staff who are able and equipped to deliver the programme effectively, and whether educators have the necessary knowledge and expertise to deliver their parts of the programme effectively.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further information about the number of staff involved in the programme and that they have the necessary knowledge and expertise to deliver their parts of the programme effectively.

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

5.6 Practice educators must have relevant knowledge, skills and experience to support safe and effective learning and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, must be on the relevant part of the Register.

5.7 Practice educators must undertake regular training which is appropriate to their role, learners' needs and the delivery of the learning outcomes of the programme.

Reason: From the mapping document, the education provider said there was no change to how the programme meets these standards. The visitors were informed that at one practice-based learning site staffing levels are improving but staff need time to establish their roles and practices before taking learners. The visitors were also made aware of other references at other sites of being 'very short staffed', 'sustained staff vacancies' in practice-based learning and that one site was experiencing reduced staffing and which makes it difficult to support students. The visitors were also informed that some staff have identified they would like a refresher session on student training. The visitors could not see whether there is enough staff who are suitable to be able to support learners to take part in effective practice-based learning, and that practice educators are appropriately prepared to support learning and assess learners. The visitors need to see further information to ensure there is enough staff to support learners to take part in practice-based learning, that practice educators are suitable to be able to support and develop learners effectively, and that they are appropriately prepared to support learning and assess learners.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further information to ensure there is enough staff to support learners to take part in practice-based learning, that practice educators are suitable to be able to support and develop learners effectively, and that they are appropriately prepared to support learning and assess learners.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Name of programme(s)	MSc Dietetics, Full time Pg Dip Dietetics, Full time
Date submission received	13 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15167-Y7R1B4

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Dietetics
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Dietitian
First intake	01 May 1997
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09122

Programme name	Pg Dip Dietetics
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Dietitian
First intake	01 May 1997

Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09123

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: 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.

3.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: For this standard, the visitors were informed there are student representatives who are trained and invited to programme committee meetings where feedback from learners is discussed. The visitors were made aware that for the programme committee meeting in April 2018, for year one there was no report to present at this time and that year two learners were on placement, and that there was no report to present at this time. The visitors were made aware of the programme committee meetings in February

2019. The minutes referenced some learners at the meeting, but the visitors could not be sure whether learners from the programmes attended the meeting. The visitors were unclear how learners are involved in the programme and therefore need further information about learners' involvement in, and contribution to, the programme.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further information about learners' involvement in, and contribution to the programme.

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 visitors were informed the education provider is introducing an interprofessional education session into the induction timetable for new learners. The visitors were also made aware there was an action plan, that IPE had been incorporated into module DET7020 Professional Studies, and that this module is shared with other professions, such as podiatry. The visitors could see no evidence of interaction with other learners and professionals from these other professions in the module descriptor. The visitors could not see any evidence that the content of the module would indicate IPE being taught. The visitors need to see further evidence of how learners learn with and from other relevant professionals and learners.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further evidence of how learners learn with and from other relevant professionals and learners.

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

5.6 Practice educators must have relevant knowledge, skills and experience to support safe and effective learning and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, must be on the relevant part of the Register.

5.7 Practice educators must undertake regular training which is appropriate to their role, learners' needs and the delivery of the learning outcomes of the programme.

Reason: From the mapping document, the education provider said there was no change to how the programme meets these standards. The visitors were informed that at one practice-based learning site staffing levels are improving but staff need time to establish their roles and practices before taking learners. The visitors were also made aware of other references of other sites of being 'very short staffed', 'sustained staff vacancies' in practice-based learning and that one site was experiencing reduced staffing and which makes it difficult to support students. The visitors were also informed that some staff have identified they would like a refresher session on student training. The visitors could not see whether there is enough staff who are suitable to be able to support learners to take part in effective practice-based learning, and that practice educators are appropriately prepared to support learning and assess learners. The visitors need to see further information to ensure there is enough staff to support learners to take part in practice-based learning, that practice educators are suitable to be able to support and develop learners effectively, and that they are appropriately prepared to support learning and assess learners.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further information to ensure there is enough staff to support learners to take part in practice-based learning, that practice educators are suitable to able to support and develop learners effectively, and that they are appropriately prepared to support learning and assess learners.

6.7 The education provider must ensure that at least one external examiner for the programme is appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are appropriate, on the relevant part of the Register.

Reason: From the standards mapping, the visitors were informed there was going to be a change of external examiner. To meet this standard, the visitors need to be sure there are policies and procedures in place to make sure that a suitable external examiner is appointed and, if necessary, replaced. The visitors did not receive any information about the policies and procedures that are in place for this. The visitors could therefore not be sure the programme will be able to appoint a suitable external examiner. The visitors need to see further information about the policies and procedures in place to make sure that a suitable external examiner is appointed and, if necessary, replaced.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further information about the policies and procedures in place to make sure that a suitable external examiner is appointed and, if necessary, replaced.

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	Edge Hill University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practice, Full time
Date submission received	30 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15173-V3F4Q1

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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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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practice
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 70
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09136

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	No	The programme's first intake was September 2018 so only 1 year of monitoring is available.
External examiner reports from the last two years	No	The programme's first intake was September 2018 so only 1 year of monitoring is available.
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Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	The programme's first intake was September 2018 so only 1 year of monitoring is available.

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 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.

The visitors noted in the submission the programme has two teaching modules around professional behaviour, one in the first year and another in the third year. This is then also covered in practice education and assessed in the practice assessment document. The visitors felt this approach met the standard at threshold level. However, they considered there was limited teaching opportunities around the standards of professional behaviour in the programme. Therefore, they recommend that future assessments consider how the programme is ensuring learners are able to understand and demonstrate the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct performance and ethics through teaching and assessment.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Essex
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (Integrated), Full time
Date submission received	09 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15586-S8Z8R8

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Philippa Brown	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (Integrated)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09139

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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	EP stated in correspondence that they did not have service user and carer involvement

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: For this standard the education provider submitted evidence about the suitability of the current programme director. The visitors were satisfied that she was an appropriate person for the role. However, SET 3.3, as amended when the standards of education and training were revised in 2017, requires that education providers

demonstrate that an effective process is in place for identifying a suitable replacement for the role of programme leader if it becomes necessary to do so. This might include succession planning, recruitment processes, mentoring schemes or similar arrangements. The education provider did not submit evidence relating to this aspect of the standard and so the visitors were unable to determine whether it was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to demonstrate that the education provider has an effective process in place for appointing a suitable new programme leader if it becomes necessary for them to do so.

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

Reason: In the mapping document, under SET 3.2, the visitors noted that the education provider had mentioned additional recruitment. However, they were not clear from the document whether this was of two new staff members, or one. They could also not see evidence of the qualifications of the new member(s) of staff. The mapping document stated that the named new staff member, Aurelie Villedieu, was on the Register, but no evidence of her qualifications and experience was provided. The visitors were therefore unable to be certain that the standard was met. They require clarification of whether any other staff member other than Aurelie Villedieu has been appointed, and evidence to demonstrate the qualifications and experience of any new staff member.

Suggested evidence: Information clarifying which new staff have been appointed, and showing that any new staff who have been appointed are appropriately qualified and experienced.

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 mapping document, the education provider indicated that they have changed the way in which they meet this standard, moving from a single session at a summer school to include learning about the expectations of professional behaviour and the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs) in a specific module, BS214 Practice and Employability. The visitors were not clear from this that the learners would have the opportunity throughout the programme to learn about professional behaviour, and the SCPEs, rather than those topics being addressed at a single point in the programme.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show how learning about professional behaviour and the HCPC standards of conduct, performance and ethics is threaded through the whole programme.

4.4 The curriculum must remain relevant to current practice.

4.5 Integration of theory and practice must be central to the programme.

Reason: In the mapping document the education provider indicated that there had been amendments to some of the modules to keep the programme in touch with current practice, and to integrate theory and practice. In evidence for this the education provider submitted a mapping exercise for QAA benchmarks. However, it was not clear to the

visitors from this mapping document what changes and updates had been made, and why. They were therefore not able to determine whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to clarify what changes have been made around the way the programme meets these standards, and the context and reasons for these changes.

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 24 March 2020 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 Essex
Name of programme(s)	Practice Certificate in Supplementary and Independent Prescribing for PHs, CHs, RAs and PAs, Part time
Date submission received	09 January 2020
Case Number	CAS-15601-L9F5X7

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Patricia McClure	Occupational therapist
Alaster Rutherford	Independent Prescribing
Rabie Sultan	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Practice Certificate in Supplementary and Independent Prescribing for PHs, CHs, RAs and PAs
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary Prescribing, Independent Prescribing
First intake	01 January 2019
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09152

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.

B.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 register of their statutory regulator.

Reason: The education provider mentioned in the mapping document that both professional leads are Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registered, whilst further support is provided by a pharmacist Non-Medical Prescriber (NMP) for each campus. Without seeing any further information on this, the visitors could not determine what process the education provider has in place to recruit a suitably qualified and experienced person to hold overall professional responsibility for the programme and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement. Therefore, the education provider must provide evidence demonstrating the process in place to appoint the person holding overall responsibility for the programme, including what arrangements are in place to have a replacement if deemed necessary.

Suggested evidence: Information or evidence demonstrating the process to recruit a suitably qualified and experienced person to hold overall professional responsibility, including the arrangements in place to get a suitable replacement if necessary.

B.7 Service users and carers must be involved in the programme.

Reason: The education provider mentioned in the mapping document that service users and carers had been involved in the OSCE, which has been recently ceased as a result of changes in the assessment. However, the visitors were not made aware of when this ceased to be part of the programme. The education provider also mentioned that discussions about new ways of involving service users and carers are being held prior to revalidation by the NMC. The visitors were also not made aware of the timescales for these discussions and about when the education provider proposes to involve service users and carers in the programme or how.

As per the requirements of the annual monitoring expanded evidence, education providers are required to provide evidence of the monitoring of service user and carer involvement for the last two years in order to demonstrate continued adherence to this standard. Due to this, the visitors could not make a judgement about how this standard continues to be met. Additionally, it was also not clear as to how service users and carers will be involved in the programme going forward.

Suggested evidence: Information or documentation demonstrating:

- Monitoring of service user and carer involvement up to when the OSCE ceased.
- Progress in developing a new approach to service user and carer involvement in the programme, including timeframes for implementation.

B.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: From reviewing the evidence and statements on the mapping document the visitors noted there are ethics and safeguarding sessions included in the curriculum. There was also mention of 'student voice' meetings where learners can express concerns confidentially via their representatives. The visitors were referred to the NMP timetable outlining when these sessions will be held. However, the visitors could not see any information demonstrating how learners are made aware of, and are enabled to raise concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users. The visitors could find no information highlighting how the learners should raise concerns and what the follow on steps are. Due to this, the visitors could not judge if the standard has been met.

Suggested evidence: Information demonstrating the effective process in place to support and enable learners to raise concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users.

C.1 The learning outcomes must ensure that learners meet the standards set out in the Competency Framework for all Prescribers, as appropriate to the prescribing mechanism(s) delivered by the programme.

Reason: As per the requirement of this standard, the education provider is required to tick the relevant declarations in the mapping document explaining their stance on how they have met this standard. As the education provider ticked all the boxes and no further information was provided to illustrate why the education provider had marked each of these declarations, the visitors could not determine if the education provider had made changes or not to their curriculum to integrate the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) Competency Framework for all Prescribers. Therefore, the education provider must provide clarity on which option they have actioned to integrate the RPS Competency Framework for all Prescribers, a brief narrative description of why the relevant declaration has been selected, along with supporting evidence if needed.

Suggested evidence: Clarification, along with supporting evidence (if necessary), on whether the education provider has made changes to their curriculum to integrate the RPS Competency Framework for all Prescribers.

E.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 standards mapping document mentioned about removing OSCEs as a key element from assessment. From this information, the visitors could not determine how the remaining assessments ensured learners were able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs). In addition, the visitors noted log books which learners use within their practice-based learning. Within here, the visitors identified competences around

confidentiality and relationships with the pharmaceutical industry. However, the visitors could not see specific information or mention of how the assessments ensure learners demonstrate the expectations of professional behaviour, including the SCPEs. Therefore further evidence is required to demonstrate how this standard continues to be met.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must provide evidence demonstrating how assessments throughout the programme will ensure learners will be able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the SCPEs.

E.3 Assessments must provide an objective, fair and reliable measure of learners' progression and achievement.

Reason: The education provider mentioned in their mapping document about removing the OSCE element as part of their assessment. As evidence of this, a marking grid for Level 6 was provided. The grid outlined a series of tasks at levels 4, 5 and 6 against options for the award classification. However, from reviewing this, the visitors were not clear as to how the removal of the OSCE impacts a learner's progression and achievement through the programme and therefore whether the remaining assessments continued to provide objectivity and fairness. Additionally, the visitors could not make a judgement on how this is a reliable measure of learners' progression and achievement.

Suggested evidence: Information demonstrating how assessments now provide an objective, fair and reliable measure of learners' progression and achievement.

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	Institute of Arts in Therapy and Education
Validating body	University of East London
Name of programme(s)	MA Integrative Arts Psychotherapy, Part time
Date submission received	02 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15175-Y2R5F8

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Philippa Brown	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Integrative Arts Psychotherapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 October 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09187

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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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Keele University
Name of programme(s)	Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals, PT (Part time)
Date submission received	06 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15609-W7S9X5

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Gemma Quinn	Independent prescriber
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Tracey Samuel-Smith	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09190

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
HCPG 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.

B.3 There must be a named person who has overall professional responsibility for the programme who must be appropriately qualified and experienced and, unless other arrangements are agreed, be on the relevant part of an appropriate professional register.

Reason: From the documentation submitted, the visitors noted there has been a change of programme leader. The visitors were directed to the 'Module handbook', 'Timetable' and 'Slide set – AHP specific session'. From this documentation, the visitors were satisfied that the current programme lead is appropriately qualified and experienced to hold overall professional responsibility for the programme. However, they were unable to determine the effective process by which the education provider ensures there is a suitable person in place to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement. The visitors therefore require further evidence about how the education provider effectively ensures there is a named person who holds overall professional responsibility for the programme and who is appropriately qualified and experienced.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must demonstrate that there is an effective process in place for appointing an appropriately qualified and experienced person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	London South Bank University
Name of programme(s)	Postgraduate Certificate in Non-Medical Prescribing, PT (Part time) Non-Medical Prescribing V300 Independent Prescribing (for PH, CH, TRad and PA), PT (Part time) Non-Medical Prescribing V300 Supplementary Prescribing (for DRad and DT), PT (Part time)
Date submission received	03 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15622-J9J1K5

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Gemma Quinn	Independent prescriber
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Tracey Samuel-Smith	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Postgraduate Certificate in Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	3
Assessment reference	AM09211

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing V300 Independent Prescribing (for PH, CH, TRad and PA)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2019
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	4
Assessment reference	AM09213

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing V300 Supplementary Prescribing (for DRad and DT)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 September 2019
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09218

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	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	London South Bank University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Part time BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Work based learning BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	28 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15627-B5S3S4

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Joanna Goodwin	Occupational therapist
Andrew Hill	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Temilolu Odunaike	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 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 17
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09216

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	WBL (Work based learning)
Profession	Occupational therapist

First intake	01 September 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 4
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09217

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2008
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 42
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09219

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	London South Bank University
Name of programme(s)	Pg Dip Occupational Therapy, Full time MSc Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	28 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15629-R2X5R9

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Pg Dip Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 January 2003
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 50
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09220

Programme name	MSc Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist

First intake	01 September 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 19
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09224

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
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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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	London South Bank University
Name of programme(s)	Pg Dip Therapeutic Radiography, Full time MSc Therapeutic Radiography, Full time
Date submission received	28 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15630-Z8H5Q5

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Elizabeth Ross	Hearing aid dispenser
Carly Elliott	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Rabie Sultan	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Pg Dip Therapeutic Radiography
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Therapeutic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 8
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09221

Programme name	MSc Therapeutic Radiography
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer

Modality	Therapeutic radiographer
First intake	01 August 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 9
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09223

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

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

3.1 The programme must be sustainable and fit for purpose.

3.2 The programme must be effectively managed.

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

Reason: From reviewing ITEM 21 provided as evidence under SET 4.2, the visitors noted this was a report about the programme which included issues around management of the programme, timetabling and library resources. The visitors noted these issues occurred in 2017-18 and the report for 2018-19 included similar issues. Based on this, the visitors were not sure if and what had been done to resolve the issues raised by staff and learners. With this in mind, the visitors raised concerns with the ability of the programme to deal with risks associated with the management of the programme. The visitors could also not see how the system in place to monitor and evaluate the programme was working effectively, as it was not clear that feedback was being acted upon, with improvements being made. Therefore, the visitors could not determine if these standards continue to be met by the programme.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must demonstrate how it will ensure the programme is monitored and managed effectively. Particularly they should address:

- how they have addressed the feedback presented through the reports noted in the reasoning above; and
- how their audit process is effective.

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.

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 reviewing the mapping document and evidence submitted, the visitors noted 'ITEM 14, ITEM 15a-c, ITEM 16 and ITEM 17' were referenced in the mapping document for SETs 4.2 and 6.2 but were not provided as part of the submission. Due to this, the visitors could not determine how learning outcomes and assessment throughout the programme, will ensure learners will be able to demonstrate they are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs). Based on this, the visitors could not make a judgement on these two standards.

Suggested evidence: The education provider should provide the missing documents listed above in the reasoning.

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 stated in the mapping document that inter-professional learning (IPL) takes place on this programme via open days, inductions, practice-based learning and on a Level four module. The visitors noted that 'ITEM 14, ITEM 15a-c, ITEM 16 and ITEM 17' were referenced in the mapping document but were not provided as part of the submission. From reviewing 'ITEM 18' (which was provided), the visitors noted this was a questionnaire for learners who want to become radiographers. Based on these observations, the visitors could not determine what IPL will take place on this programme. Due to this, the visitors could not judge if this standard has been met.

Suggested evidence: Information or document demonstrating what IPL takes place on this programme. The evidence must demonstrate how learners will be able to learn, with and from other professions or learners on this programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	London South Bank University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography, Full time
Date submission received	28 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15631-Y7D8X1

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Therapeutic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 14
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09222

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

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
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Section 4: Outcome from first review

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

Further evidence required

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

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

3.1 The programme must be sustainable and fit for purpose.

3.2 The programme must be effectively managed.

Reason: From reviewing ITEM 21 provided as evidence under SET 4.2, the visitors noted this was a report about the programme which included issues around management of the programme, timetabling and library resources. The visitors noted these issues occurred in 2017-18 and the report for 2018-19 included similar issues. Based on this, the visitors were not sure if and what has been done to resolve the issues raised by staff and learners. Due to this, the visitors noted this is linked closely to risks with delivering the programme and without seeing any information regarding how these issues will be dealt with – the visitors could not determine if these standards have been met. This is because this raises concerns around the sustainability of the programme and how it will be managed effectively.

Suggested evidence: The education provide must demonstrate how it will ensure the programme will be managed effectively, and what it intends to do to continue it will remain sustainable.

3.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: The education provider stated in the mapping document that learners are involved in the programme in the form of acting as student ambassadors, course board representatives and being part of Radiography Society. From reviewing the 'YOU SAID WE DID' presentation notes, the visitors noted the negative comments that learners mentioned regarding their experience on the programme and based on that the steps that the education provider had taken. From this, the visitors could determine learners' involvement in terms of providing feedback, but not up to the extent of providing feedback on the actions taken by the education provider on their comments. From this the visitors could not make a judgement if this standard has been met, as it was not clear how feedback from learners' contributes to the overall effectiveness of the programme.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must demonstrate how it assess the post learners' feedback actions it takes, and how that contributes to the overall effectiveness of the programme.

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.

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 reviewing the mapping document and evidence submitted, the visitors noted 'ITEM 14, ITEM 15a-c, ITEM 16 and ITEM 17' were evidenced in the mapping document for SETs 4.2 and 6.2 but were not provided as part of the submission for this annual monitoring. Due to this, the visitors could not determine how learning outcomes and assessment throughout the programme, will ensure learners will be able to demonstrate they are able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs). Based on this, the visitors could not make a judgement on these two standards.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must provide the missing documents listed above in the reasoning. From reviewing those documents, the visitors will be able to make a judgement if learners will be able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the SCPEs.

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 stated in the mapping document that inter-professional learning (IPL) takes place on this programme via open days, inductions, practice-based learning and on a Level four module. The visitors noted that 'ITEM 14, ITEM 15a-c, ITEM 16 and ITEM 17' were evidenced in the mapping document but were not provided as part of the submission for this annual monitoring. From reviewing the only evidence provide 'ITEM 18', the visitors noted this was a questionnaire for learners who want to

become Radiographers. Based on these observations, the visitors could not find any evidence regarding what IPL will take place on this programme. Due to this, the visitors could not judge if this standard has been met.

Suggested evidence: Information or document demonstrating what IPL takes place on this programme. The evidence must demonstrate how learners will be able to learn, with and from other professions or learners on this programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Nordoff Robbins
Validating body	Goldsmiths, University of London
Name of programme(s)	Master of Music Therapy (Nordoff Robbins): Music, Health, Society, Full time
Date submission received	06 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15178-F4F0V9

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Julie Leaper	Dietitian
Karen Diamond	Arts therapist - Music therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Master of Music Therapy (Nordoff Robbins): Music, Health, Society
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Music therapist
First intake	01 September 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 45
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09233

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	The University of Northampton
Name of programme(s)	Supplementary and Independent Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals, Part time
Date submission received	27 November 2019
Case reference	CAS-15661-C4W2Q0

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Julie-Anne Lowe	Occupational therapist
Rosemary Furner	Independent prescriber
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Supplementary and Independent Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Independent prescribing
First intake	01 August 2016
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09250

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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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.

B.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: The visitors reviewed the documentation submitted for this standard, which included evidence explaining the learner feedback process. The visitors were satisfied that the learners had opportunities to give feedback on individual modules and that their feedback was acted upon. However, it was not clear to them whether there was any other learner involvement in the programme, and so they could not determine whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to clarify whether there is any learner involvement in the programme beyond the opportunity for learners to feed back on individual modules.

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	Outreach Rescue Medic Skills
Validating body	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Practice - Remote and Hazardous Environments, Part time
Date submission received	03 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15636-Z4X2P8

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Caroline Sykes	Speech and language therapist
Gemma Howlett	Paramedic
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Diploma of Higher Education Paramedic Practice - Remote and Hazardous Environments
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 May 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	3
Assessment reference	AM09253

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.

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: To evidence this standard the education provider indicated in their narrative that learners are reminded of and educated in the standards of professional behaviour. To evidence this statement the education provider submitted a professionalism and raising concerns document. In this document it was stated that learners would be introduced and taught about professional behaviour in the first module of teaching. This indicated to the visitors that teaching is limited to this module. This standard is designed to ensure learners are able to understand the expectations of professional behaviour throughout the programme as their scope of practice and knowledge increases through the programme and the context differs. As the education provider has indicated that this only happens in the first module the visitors cannot see that learners have the opportunity throughout the programme to revisit this area. Furthermore, the education provider has stated that learners are consistently educated in this area but the visitors

were not provided with evidence of when in the programme the learners are educated again around the expectations of professional behaviour. The education provider must provide further evidence to show where and when further teaching around the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct proficiency and ethics is carried out throughout the programme.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show the opportunities for learners to understand the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics is conducted throughout the programme.

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: To evidence this standard the education provider indicated in their narrative that learners are assessed throughout the programme in the standards of professional behaviour. To evidence this statements the education provider submitted a professionalism and raising concerns document. In this document it was stated that learners would be introduced and taught about professional behaviour in the first module of teaching. This indicated to the visitors that teaching is limited to this module. The document did not indicate how learners' understanding of the expectations of professional behaviour is assessed. The education provider indicated conduct is assessed in practice education, but the education provider did not disclose how this would develop and how it would assess their understanding rather than performance. As the education provider has not indicated there is learning in this area throughout the programme and relative assessment of this learning, the visitors cannot confirm that this standard is met. The education provider must show that assessment throughout the programme allows learners to demonstrate that they understand the expectations associated with being a regulated professional.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show that assessment throughout the programme ensures learners are able to demonstrate their understanding and ability 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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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
Validating body	University of Oxford
Name of programme(s)	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D.Clin Psych), Full time
Date submission received	03 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15637-R6X9K8

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HCPC panel

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Gary Robinson	Practitioner psychologist - Clinical psychologist
Sabiha Azmi	Practitioner psychologist - Clinical psychologist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D.Clin Psych)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Practitioner psychologist
Modality	Clinical psychologist
First intake	01 January 2000
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09254

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 Plymouth
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date submission received	30 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15189-Q0V2C9

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Joanna Goodwin	Occupational therapist
Andrew Hill	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration) Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – sale / supply)
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

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

Assessment reference	AM09260
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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.

3.1 The programme must be sustainable and fit for purpose.

Reason: The education provider noted in the mapping document that there are no changes to how the programme meets this standard. On their audit form, the education provided noted the learner numbers are 23, with a maximum of 25 per year. However,

our records show that the programme is approved for up to a maximum of 45 learners per year. Following investigations around the discrepancies in learner numbers, the education provider explained in email correspondence that there has been a decline in numbers of applications to the programme. They stated there are currently 14 learners in the second year and 9 in the third year while they have decided to have a fallow year for the supposed September 2019 intake.

The visitors considered that the huge drop in the number of learners on the programme poses a risk to its viability in the future. The visitors also noted in the external examiner (EE) report of 2018-19 academic year that the education provider is seeking “alternative means of providing training.” The EE noted in his report that the programme team had made progress towards the development of degree apprenticeship route and the visitors are aware that the education provider have informed the HCPC of their plans to introduce a degree apprenticeship route beginning in September 2020. The education provider stated in their major change notification that the degree apprenticeship route will be in addition to the existing provision. Given the significant reduction in the number of learners on this programme, the visitors could not determine that it is sustainable and as such, they could not consider this standard as met. The visitors require the education provider to demonstrate how they will ensure the BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time remains sustainable.

Suggested evidence: Evidence such as business plan that demonstrates the programme will remain sustainable.

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 evidence for this standard, the education submitted the programme leader role descriptor, which highlighted the responsibilities of the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme. The mapping document also stated briefly that the individual must be a HCPC registered Podiatrist with a higher degree and should have experience of working in higher education and of the programme. The visitors considered neither the role descriptor nor information in the mapping document demonstrated there is an effective process in place to identify a suitable person to lead the programme and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement. The visitors therefore require further evidence that demonstrates the education provider’s process for ensuring the suitability of the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme before they can determine whether this standard is met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating that an appropriate process is in place to ensure that any person appointed to hold overall professional responsibility for the programme is suitable.

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 Plymouth
Name of programme(s)	Independent and Supplementary Non-Medical Prescribing (Level 6), PT (Part time) Independent and Supplementary Non-Medical Prescribing (Level 7), PT (Part time)
Date submission received	03 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15191-X6F1Q0

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Gemma Quinn	Independent prescriber
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Tracey Samuel-Smith	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Independent and Supplementary Non-Medical Prescribing (Level 6)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2019
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09263

Programme name	Independent and Supplementary Non-Medical Prescribing (Level 7)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 September 2019
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09264

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

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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

B.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 register of their statutory regulator.

Reason: Within the mapping document, the visitors were directed to the 'NMP Operational Specification' and 'NMP Approval Document'. From this documentation, the visitors were unable to determine the effective process by which the education provider ensures there is a suitable person in place to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement. The visitors therefore require further evidence about how the education provider effectively ensures there is a named person who holds overall professional responsibility for the programme and who is appropriately qualified and experienced.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must demonstrate that there is an effective process in place for appointing an appropriately qualified and experienced person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme.

D.6 Practice educators must be a qualified prescriber, on the register of their statutory regulator with annotation(s) for prescribing where applicable and with the relevant skills, knowledge and experience to support safe and effective learning.

Reason: Within the mapping document, the visitors noted that the education provider had:

- Defined which professions are acceptable as 'qualified prescribers' to supervise learners in practice.
- Defined the skills, knowledge and experience required of these individuals to support safe and effective learning.
- Updated practice-based learning audit documentation to ensure revised requirements are audited.

The mapping document also outlined that the 'practice assessment document and preparation and applications form' defined the relevant knowledge, skills and experience an individual is required to have to undertake the role of practice assessor. The visitors were unable to identify these documents within the submission and were therefore unable to identify the professions which are acceptable to supervise learners, nor the skills, knowledge and experience necessary in order to support safe and effective learning. The visitors therefore require evidence which demonstrates the updated documentation and requirements for practice educators.

Suggested documentation: Evidence of the revised requirements for practice educators around the skills, knowledge and experience, and acceptable professions.

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 Plymouth
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science, Full time
Date submission received	31 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15192-Q7F4Z7

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Caroline Sykes	Speech and language therapist
Gemma Howlett	Paramedic
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Paramedic
First intake	01 September 2019
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 69
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09265

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.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 25 March 2020 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	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	MSc Art Psychotherapy (International), Full time MSc Art Psychotherapy (International), Part time
Date submission received	17 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15664-C7L8N9

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Philippa Brown	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Art Psychotherapy (International)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2010
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09267

Programme name	MSc Art Psychotherapy (International)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist

Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2010
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09268

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	No	No response was produced in 2017-18.
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.

3.2 The programme must be effectively managed.

3.13 There must be effective and accessible arrangements in place to support the wellbeing and learning needs of learners in all settings.

Reason: The visitors reviewed the external examiner's report for 2018-19. This report raised significant concerns about the level of support available for learners and about the organisation of the programme during the early part of the 2018-19 academic year. According to the external examiner, concerns had been raised by learners about disruption caused by long-term staff absences in 2017-18. These absences had also resulted in the programme team not providing a full response to the 2017-18 external examiner report.

In the response to the 2018-19 report, the education provider stated that an action plan had been produced to ensure that support for learners and the organisation of the programme were improved. However, this action plan was not included in the documentary submission and so the visitors were not able to determine whether the issues had been, or would be, adequately addressed. They were therefore unable to be clear whether the standards were met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show what action has been taken to address the issues highlighted in the 2018-19 external examiner report, for example the action plan mentioned above.

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 25 March 2020 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	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	Aptitude Test in Hearing Aid Dispensing, Distance learning
Date submission received	02 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15668-P0M2T5

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Elizabeth Ross	Hearing aid dispenser
Carly Elliott	Radiographer Therapeutic radiographer
Rabie Sultan	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Aptitude Test in Hearing Aid Dispensing
Mode of study	DL (Distance learning)
Profession	Hearing aid dispenser
First intake	01 September 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09269

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	No	This is an eight week programme for already suitably qualified Audiologists, which does not include practice-based learning.
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	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date submission received	09 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15674-F4W1L3

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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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Emma Supple	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration) Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – sale / supply)
Paul Blakeman	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration)
Temilolu Odunaike	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 October 1994
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1

Assessment reference	AM09275
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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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Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes

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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 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.

The visitors noted that the programme is still experiencing staffing issues and the pressures of recruiting and maintaining staff was noted within the documentation. The

education provider has evidenced how they are meeting this challenge, including the use of visiting lecturers. However, the visitors considered that this continues to be a challenge for future visitors to be aware of.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	Pharmacology for Podiatrists, Part time
Date submission received	03 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15701-V7X7M6

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Wendy Smith	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – administration)
Emma Supple	Chiropodist / podiatrist (Prescription only medicines – sale / supply)
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Pharmacology for Podiatrists
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Prescription only medicines – sale / supply
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 24
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09286

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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External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
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Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	No	The programme is a module undertaken by HCPC registrants in employment only, so there is no practice based learning monitoring undertaken.
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	The programme is a module undertaken by HCPC registrants in employment only, so there is no service user and carer monitoring undertaken.

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Education provider	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	MSc Diagnostic Radiography (pre-registration), Full time PgDip Diagnostic Radiography (pre-registration), Full time
Date submission received	08 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15702-P9B5F7

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Ruth Ashbee	Clinical scientist
Mark Widdowfield	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Diagnostic Radiography (pre-registration)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 January 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 8
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09287

Programme name	PgDip Diagnostic Radiography (pre-registration)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer

Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 January 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 4
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09290

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

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Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes
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.

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

Reason: The education provider stated that they met this standard through annual meetings with other stakeholders and submitted minutes and a guidance document

about practice-based learning. However, because the minutes did not outline the operational outcomes that came from their discussions, the visitors were not clear from this evidence how these meetings fed into ensuring that there was sufficient availability and capacity at the operational level, for example how placements are managed on a day-to-day basis to ensure that there continues to be appropriate capacity and availability.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to clarify how the education provider ensures availability and capacity of practice-based learning on an operational level.

3.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: The education provider submitted evidence that learners had the opportunity to give extensive feedback on the programme, and the visitors considered that this could be an appropriate way of meeting the standard. However, the education provider did not include evidence of how the learners' feedback was used to feed into continuous improvement of the programme. The visitors were not sure how the feedback loop was closed, and so could not be sure how learners contributed to the quality and effectiveness of the programme, and so were unable to determine whether the standard was met. The education provider therefore needs to show how the feedback loop is closed.

Suggested evidence: Evidence showing how learners' feedback is used to contribute to the continuous improvement of the programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 24 March 2020 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	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	Podiatric Surgery Training Programme, Full time Podiatric Surgery Training Programme, Part time
Date submission received	05 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15709-G2H4Z5

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Paul Blakeman	Visitor role - Chiropodist / podiatrist
Thomas Galloway	Visitor role - Podiatric surgeon
Stephen Bendall	Visitor role - Podiatric surgeon
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Podiatric Surgery Training Programme
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Entitlement	Podiatrists practising podiatric surgery
First intake	01 March 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 3
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09294

Programme name	Podiatric Surgery Training Programme
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Podiatrists practising podiatric surgery

First intake	01 March 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 3
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09295

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	No	There are currently no learners for the programme
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	No	There are currently no learners for the programme
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	There are currently no learners for the 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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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 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.

Prior to the assessment the education provider indicated that there are currently no learners on the programmes. The education provider did not map any changes to the programmes, and the documentary submission did not suggest the way in which the programmes meet the standards has changed. Furthermore, the programmes were fairly recently approved by the HCPC, in 2017. The visitors therefore concluded that as no changes had been made, the standards were still being met in the same way and ongoing approval should be granted.

However, the visitors noted that should the programmes continue to not take any learners, there may be a need for future HCPC assessments to consider how they remains sustainable and relevant to current practice. Future assessments should consider whether having no learners affects the way the programmes meet the standards.

The visitors also noted that there was one external examiner for this programme, but understood from previous HCPC assessments that the education provider's policy notes there should be two. In the next submission, the visitors would expect to see that two external examiners have been involved with the programme, or information about changes to the relevant policy relating to quality assurance of the programme.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time Master of Occupational Therapy (MOccTh), Full time BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	17 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15654-C1L8X5

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Patricia McClure	Occupational therapist
Alaster Rutherford	Independent Prescribing
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 November 1994
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 38
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09297

Programme name	Master of Occupational Therapy (MOccTh)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist

First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 44
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09309

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 38
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09312

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	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date submission received	19 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15640-G2D8T7

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Andrew Hill	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 1994
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 42
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09298

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
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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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	Non Medical Prescribing (SCQF Level 9), PT (Part time) Non-Medical Prescribing, PT (Part time) Non Medical Prescribing (SCQF Level 11), PT (Part time)
Date submission received	31 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15642-B0Q0X9

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Gemma Quinn	Independent prescriber
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Tracey Samuel-Smith	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non Medical Prescribing (SCQF Level 9)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 12
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09300

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 24
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09302

Programme name	Non Medical Prescribing (SCQF Level 11)
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing Independent prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 12
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09305

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.

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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.

B.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 register of their statutory regulator.

Reason: Within the mapping document, the visitors were directed to the governance arrangements and Programme Leader Roles and Responsibilities. This standard requires the education provider to ensure that the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified, experienced, and registered (unless other arrangements are appropriate).

From the education provider's evidence, the visitors were unable to determine the effective process by which the education provider ensures there is a suitable person in place to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement. The visitors therefore require further evidence about how the education provider effectively ensures there is a named person who holds overall professional responsibility for the programme and who is appropriately qualified and experienced.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must demonstrate that there is an effective process in place for appointing an appropriately qualified and experienced person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science, Full time
Date submission received	13 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15643-V5G2F1

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Philippa Brown	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Niall Gooch	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 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 21
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09303

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
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Practice based learning monitoring from the last two	Yes
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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.

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3.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: For this standard, the education provider submitted minutes of the Staff Student Liaison Committee (SSLC), and a narrative of the various aspects of the learner feedback process. Although the mapping document stated that no changes had been made to the way this standard was met, this is the first annual monitoring audit that this programme has been through since the revised standards were adopted, and so the education provider does need to provide evidence for how this standard is met. The visitors noted that while the approach mentioned in the narrative sounded appropriate, the evidence was not sufficient to allow them to make a decision about whether the standard was met. The evidence about the SSLC did not cover the 2018-19 academic year, which is one of the years covered by this audit process. The visitors also noted that the SSLC only appeared to meet twice a year, and that the minutes did not show how feedback generated by the meetings was taken forward.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show how feedback from learners has been used for continuous improvement to the programme during both 2017-18 and 2018-19.

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Nutrition and Dietetics, Full time Master of Dietetics (MDiet), Full time BSc (Hons) Dietetics, Full time
Date submission received	13 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15653-M2Y0W8

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Julie Leaper	Dietitian
Karen Diamond	Arts therapist - Music therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Nutrition and Dietetics
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Dietitian
First intake	01 June 1994
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09304

Programme name	Master of Dietetics (MDiet)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Dietitian
First intake	01 September 2018

Maximum learner cohort	Up to 27
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09308

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Dietetics
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Dietitian
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09311

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	Master of Dietetics (MDiet) and BSc (Hons) Dietetics started in 2018, so have provided only one years of evidence.
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	Master of Dietetics (MDiet) and BSc (Hons) Dietetics started in 2018, so have provided only one years of evidence.
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	Master of Dietetics (MDiet) and BSc (Hons) Dietetics started in 2018, so have provided only one years of evidence.
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes	Master of Dietetics (MDiet) and BSc (Hons) Dietetics started in 2018, so have provided only one years of evidence.

Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	Yes	Master of Dietetics (MDiet) and BSc (Hons) Dietetics started in 2018, so have provided only one years of evidence.
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Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	Master of Diagnostic Radiography (MDRad), Full time BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography, Full time
Date submission received	03 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15651-X7Y8K6

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Ruth Ashbee	Clinical scientist
Mark Widdowfield	Radiographer - Diagnostic radiographer
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Master of Diagnostic Radiography (MDRad)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09307

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer

Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09313

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	The Robert Gordon University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time Master of Physiotherapy (MPhys), Full time
Date submission received	19 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15657-H5W6H4

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Andrew Hill	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Master of Physiotherapy (MPhys)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 38
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09310

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist

First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 42
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09314

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 5: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Roehampton University
Name of programme(s)	MA Art Psychotherapy, Full time MA Art Psychotherapy, Part time
Date submission received	08 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15710-J9N5M7

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Philippa Brown	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Art Psychotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2009
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09315

Programme name	MA Art Psychotherapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist

Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2009
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09316

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: 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 information relating to the suitability and qualifications of the current programme leader. However, this standard requires that the education provider demonstrate not only the suitability of the existing postholder, but also that there is an effective process in place to identify and appoint a new programme leader if it becomes necessary to do so. Evidence related to this was not included and so the visitors were not able to determine whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence showing that there is an appropriate process in place to identify and appoint a suitable replacement for the programme leader role if it becomes necessary to do so.

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	Roehampton University
Name of programme(s)	MA Dramatherapy, Part time MA Dramatherapy, Full time
Date submission received	16 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15711-R8K7X2

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Jane Fisher-Norton	Arts therapist - Dramatherapist
Clare Hubbard	Arts therapist - Dramatherapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Dramatherapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Dramatherapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09317

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

Modality	Dramatherapist
First intake	01 October 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09318

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
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Education provider	Roehampton University
Name of programme(s)	MA Music Therapy, Part time MA Music Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	03 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15712-C2R4T7

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Julie Leaper	Dietitian
Karen Diamond	Arts therapist - Music therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Music Therapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Music therapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 4
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09319

Programme name	MA Music Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist

Modality	Music therapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 8
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09320

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: 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.

3.12 The resources to support learning in all settings must be effective and appropriate to the delivery of the programme, and must be accessible to all learners and educators.

Reason: For this standard, the education provider said there was no changes to the way the standard was met. However, the visitors saw comments from an external examiner that subject specific resources, including those for music therapy learners, were stored in movable stacks and were consequently not always readily available. On their visit to the library, the external examiner noted that someone had moved the stacks and music therapy books were inaccessible. The response to the external examiner noted that the stack could present a barrier to learners accessing books. The visitors however could not see any further answer to the external examiner comments. The visitors consider there to be a lack of clarity about learners' and educators' ability to access physical books. The visitors therefore need further information on how the programme ensures the resources to support learning are accessible to all learners and educators.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further evidence about how the programme ensures the resources to support learning are accessible to all learners and educators.

3.12 The resources to support learning in all settings must be effective and appropriate to the delivery of the programme, and must be accessible to all learners and educators.

Reason: For this standard, the education provider said there was no changes to the way the standard was met. However, the visitors were made aware from the 2017-18 annual review report that the programmes had raised the need for a long term plan for accommodation. The 2018-19 annual review report said that the use of temporary accommodation provided by portacabins on the Whitelands campus will reduce from January 2020 and also noted the need for a longer term plan for accommodation. The visitors were unclear whether the rooms and facilities are effective and appropriate for the delivery of the programme, and whether they are accessible to all learners and educators. The visitors need to see further information to ensure the rooms and facilities are used effectively to support the required learning and teaching activities of the programme.

Suggested evidence: The education provider need to provide further information to ensure the rooms and facilities are used effectively to support the required learning and teaching activities of the programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Sheffield Hallam University
Name of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time
Date submission received	09 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15193-S1R1B8

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Patricia McClure	Occupational therapist
Alaster Rutherford	Independent Prescribing
Rabie Sultan	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary Prescribing, Independent Prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09324

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

First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09326

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: 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.

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B.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 register of their statutory regulator.

Reason: The education provider provided a curriculum vitae of the individual holding overall professional responsibility for this programme as evidence for this standard. The visitors could not find any information demonstrating what relevant qualifications and experience the person holding overall responsibility should have. Additionally, there was no other information provided regarding the process in place highlighting how recruitment is undertaken, including, if necessary, how a suitable replacement will be identified. Therefore, the education provider must provide evidence about how it ensures the person holding overall person professional responsibility is appropriately qualified, including what arrangements are in place should a replacement be necessary.

Suggested evidence: Information or documentation demonstrating:

- The person specification or job description of the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme;
- The recruitment process in place to identify a suitable person and, if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement.
- Whether the programme leader should be on any relevant register.

B.6 There must be an effective process in place to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

Reason: As per the mapping document, the education provider evidenced a web link for standard B.6. From reviewing the contents of the web link, the visitors noted there was information regarding various policies such as data protection and health and safety. The mapping document also mentioned that the education provider provides learners with an identified and audited practice-at the point of their application. From reviewing the web links and mapping document, the visitors could not see any information demonstrating how all learners on this programme will have access to practice-based learning. Additionally, the visitors could not determine what process is in place which ensures there is sufficient availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners on this programme.

Suggested evidence: Information or documentation demonstrating the process in place to determine availability and capacity for learners on both the programmes.

B.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: For this standard, the education provider evidenced two documents, which were a questionnaire for stakeholders aimed at revalidation for the programme and notes from a stakeholder meeting. From reviewing the questionnaire, the visitors could not see any information on how this questionnaire is used to ensure learners contribute to the overall quality and effectiveness of the programme. Additionally, from reviewing the stakeholder meeting notes, the visitors noted none of the attendees appeared to be learners and neither did the notes give any indication of how learners are or will be involved in the programme. Due to this, the visitors could not determine how learners are involved in the programmes. Therefore, the education provider must provide evidence demonstrating how learners are involved in the programme and how that contributes to the overall quality and effectiveness of the programme.

Suggested evidence: Information or relevant documentation demonstrating how learners are involved in the programme and how the education provider ensures that involving learners contributes to the overall quality, effectiveness and continuous improvement of the programme.

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 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.

The visitors noted in the 'Course Improvement Plan Proforma 2018019' under 'Section B – Recruitment', that the education provider proposes to increase the cohort size to 160 per semester. The education provider stated there were currently 40 learners per cohort on the programme, meaning 80 learners per semester. These are the current figures held by the HCPC for approval.

The visitors noted that a major change was due to be considered at the 29 January 2020 Education and Training Panel. As part of these changes, a new mode of delivery through the programme will be implemented as well as admitting paramedics onto the programme for the first time. This will have an impact on the number of learners across the programmes per cohort.

The visitors therefore recommend that should the number of learners on the programme increase further, the education provider submits a further major change notification form outlining any potential impact on the standards.

Section 6: Visitors' recommendation

Considering the education provider's response to the request for further evidence set out in section 5, 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 25 March 2020 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 South Wales
Name of programme(s)	MA Art Psychotherapy, Part time
Date submission received	20 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15717-H2B0W0

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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 X of this report.

Section 1: Our regulatory approach

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HCPC panel

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Jed Jerwood	Arts therapist - Art therapist
John Crossfield	Arts therapist - Art therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Art Psychotherapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 16
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09372

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.

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

Reason: To meet this standard, the visitors noted that this standard had been met previously. The visitors were informed service users are involved in practice-based learning. However, the visitors considered that from the service user and carer involvement monitoring information supplied by the education provider that ongoing engagement is somewhat limited. Learners are asked to involve service users in the preparation of a poster assignment in year two. A service user and carer group has been set up at the education provider and the education provider is working towards promoting this amongst our Art Psychotherapy placement providers. The visitors received evidence of a meeting from November 2018, an invite to a participation event in March 2019, and information about involvement in an unrelated programme. The visitors were unclear how service user engagement has progressed since the initial meeting and were unsure how service users and carers are involved in the programme beyond an invitation to a service users meeting. The visitors need further evidence

indicating how service users and carers are being involved in the programme, how recruitment is being addressed, and how service users will be trained and supported to contribute to the programme.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence indicating how service users and carers are being involved in the programme, how recruitment is being addressed, and how service users will be trained and supported to contribute to the programme.

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

Reason: To meet this standard, the visitors were informed many joint learning opportunities including safeguarding training with a music therapy programme. However, the visitors considered there was limited evidence of involvement of a range of relevant professions. The visitors also considered the evidence indicated no involvement from professions outside of arts therapies. The visitors therefore require further information about how learners undertake interprofessional education (IPE) on the programme. The visitors want to know how the programme has made decisions about designing and delivering IPE, including the professions most relevant to the programme and most useful in preparing learners for practice, so it has the most benefit possible for learners' future professional practice and for service users and carers.

Suggested evidence: Further information about how learners undertake IPE on the programme. How the education provider has made decisions about the design and delivering of IPE, including the professions most relevant to the programme and most useful in preparing learners for practice.

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 24 March 2020 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

Section 6: Future considerations for the programme(s)

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.

The visitors considered interprofessional education to be limited to plans to engage with related professions, rather than wider fields and as opposed to actual implementation. The visitors also considered service user and carer involvement in the programme to be

rudimentary with a lack of input onto the actual programme. The visitors would like to highlight these areas for visitors who are assessing the programme in future.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of South Wales
Name of programme(s)	MA Music Therapy, Part time
Date submission received	16 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15718-S6N2Y7

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Julie Leaper	Dietitian
Karen Diamond	Arts therapist - Music therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MA Music Therapy
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Music therapist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 8
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09373

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.

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

Reason: The visitors were made aware from the standards mapping that service users and carers have various ways of being involved in the programme. The visitors saw a poster for an event service users were involved with and that there was service user and carers group. However, the visitors did not see any evidence of how service user and carers have contributed to the programme, for example, feedback from service users and carers and how this has contributed to the quality, effectiveness and continuous improvement of the programme. The visitors need to see further information of how service user and carers have contributed to the programme, how they will contribute, how this is monitored and evaluated, and how this has contributed to the quality, effectiveness and continuous improvement of the programme.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further information of how service user and carers have contributed to the programme, how they will

contribute, how this is monitored and evaluated, and how this has contributed to the quality, effectiveness and continuous improvement of the programme.

3.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: The visitors were made aware from the standards mapping that learners have various ways of being involved in the programme and providing feedback. However, the visitors did not see any evidence - for example minutes of meetings, learner feedback, or course response to any issues raised - of how learners have contributed to the programme, and how this has contributed to the quality, effectiveness and continuous improvement of the programme. The visitors need to see further information of how learners have contributed to the programme, and how this has contributed to the quality, effectiveness and continuous improvement of the programme.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further information of how learners have contributed to the programme, and how this has contributed to the quality, effectiveness and continuous improvement of the programme.

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 informed that the programme held joint learning seminars and safeguarding training with learners from other programmes. However, the visitors were unclear from the evidence provided how learners learn with and from professionals and learners in other relevant professions. The visitors need more details about how IPE is designed and delivered to make sure it is for the benefit of learners and has the most possible benefit for learners' practice.

Suggested evidence: The education provider needs to provide further evidence of how interprofessional education is undertaken on the programme, to demonstrate that learners are able to learn with and from professionals and learners in other relevant professions. The education provider also needs to provide more information about how IPE is designed and delivered to make sure it is for the benefit of learners and has the most possible benefit for learners' practice.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 25 March 2020 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of the West of Scotland
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences, Full time
Date submission received	19 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15721-Q6Q9S7

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HCPC panel

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Philippa Brown	Arts therapist - Art therapist
Pradeep Agrawal	Biomedical scientist
Niall Gooch	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09378

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 their evidence for this standard the education provider submitted information about the current programme leader in the form of a CV. The visitors considered that the programme leader appeared to be a suitable person for the role. However, this standard was amended in the 2017 revision of the standards of education and training. Education providers are now required not simply to show that the current postholder is appropriate, but that there is an effective process for appointing a replacement if it becomes necessary to do so. The visitors could not see evidence relating to this in the submission.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to demonstrate that the education provider has an appropriate process in place to appoint a suitable programme lead if it becomes necessary to do so.

3.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: For this standard the education provider submitted a narrative explaining how they met the standard. The visitors considered that the measures outlined in the narrative appeared to be a suitable way for the education provider to meet the standard. However, visitors were unclear whether all the actions described in the narrative were actually being taken forward, and hence whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence to demonstrate the involvement of learners with the programme as described in the narrative.

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 education provider submitted evidence to support the statement in the mapping document that learning about the expectations of professional behaviour, and about the HCPC standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs) would be embedded in the programme. However, the visitors considered that this evidence did not provide sufficient detail about the way in which the education provider achieved this, and so they were unable to determine whether the standard was met. In particular they were not clear about how learning about the SCPEs and about whether professional behaviour was threaded through the programme.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence showing how, throughout the programme, the learning outcomes in the various modules ensure that learners are able to gain a clear understanding of professional expectations and the requirements of the SCPEs.

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 education provider submitted evidence to support the statement in the mapping document that assessment would ensure that learners had appropriate knowledge of the expectations of professional behaviour, and about the HCPC standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs). However, the visitors considered that this evidence did not provide sufficient detail about the way in which the education provider achieved this, and so they were unable to determine whether the standard was met. In particular, because of the ambiguity about whether learning about the SCPEs and about professional behaviour was threaded through the programme, and where in the programme this occurred (see the request for additional evidence under SET 4.2), they were not clear where such learning would be assessed.

Suggested evidence: Further evidence showing how, and at what points in the programme, the learners' understanding of professional behaviour and the SCPEs is assessed, and how the education provider ensures that such assessment enables learners to meet the expectations of the 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.

This report, including the recommendation of the visitors, will be considered at the 24 March 2020 meeting of the ETC. Following this meeting, this report should be read alongside the ETC's decision notice, which are available [on our website](#).

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of the West of Scotland
Name of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing, Flexible Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Advanced Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Advanced Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time Non-Medical Prescribing, Flexible Non-Medical Prescribing, Part time
Date submission received	02 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15722-Y3K9Q0

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Patricia McClure	Occupational therapist
Alaster Rutherford	Independent Prescribing
Rabie Sultan	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	FLX (Flexible)
Entitlement	Supplementary Prescribing
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09379

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

First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09380

Programme name	Advanced Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary Prescribing
First intake	01 July 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09381

Programme name	Advanced 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	AM09382

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	FLX (Flexible)
Entitlement	Supplementary Prescribing, Independent Prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09383

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Entitlement	Supplementary Prescribing, Independent Prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09384

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.

B.6 There must be an effective process in place to ensure the availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

Reason: The education provider mentioned in the mapping document that, at the point the learner applies to the programme, they work closely with practice-based learning provider service leads on the number of placements required for learners. As evidence of this, the education provider provided some minutes of meetings which were held between themselves and practice educators. From reviewing the evidence, the visitors could not see any information demonstrating the formal process in place about how the capacity and availability of practice-based learning is determined for all learner. Due to this, the visitors could not determine if the standard has been met.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must provide evidence showing the formal process in place to ensure availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

B.7 Service users and carers must be involved in the programme.

Reason: From reviewing the mapping document, the visitors noted the education provider stated there are no changes to this standard and referenced a few clinical portfolio documents as evidence. However, the visitors could not locate these documents and therefore could not make a judgement on this standard.

As per the requirements of annual monitoring expanded evidence requirements, education providers are required to provide evidence of the monitoring of service user and carer involvement for the last two years. As there was no evidence provided, it was also not clear as to how service user and carers have been involved in the programme. Due to this, the standard has not been met.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must provide information or documentation demonstrating service user and carer involvement in the programmes for the last two years

B.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: The education provider stated in the mapping document that there are policies that revolve around responding to learners' feedback which includes module evaluation questionnaires, and a 'Student Partnership Agreement'. The results of these are reported each term through the Student Success Committee. The visitors reviewed the evidence provided which included results of module evaluation questionnaires, coursework guidelines and two HCPC major change forms.

From reviewing the evidence, the visitors noted that learners were involved in the programme, however, they could not see any information about how the feedback methods mentioned above were utilised and how this resulted in learners contributing to the overall effectiveness of the programme. Due to this, the visitors could not determine if this standard has been met.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must demonstrate how the learner input and feedback adds to the overall quality, effectiveness and continuous improvement of the programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Winchester
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date submission received	09 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15228-C0W9Q0

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Andrew Hill	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 70
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09386

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	Reason(s) for non-submission
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes	
Internal quality reports from the last two years	No	Programme has only run for one year so only one year's evidence provided.
External examiner reports from the last two years	No	Programme has only run for one year so only one year's evidence provided.
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	Programme has only run for one year so only one year's evidence provided.
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	No	Programme has only run for one year so only one year's evidence provided.
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	Programme has only run for one year so only one year's evidence provided.

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.

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: The visitors reviewed the Copy of HCP report 19 December, the Physiotherapy Programme Staffing among other documents, as evidence for this standard. The visitors also looked at the email from the programme lead as regards ensuring quality of practice-based learning (PBL). From their review, the visitors were able to see that the programme had a structure, duration and range of practice based learning that would support the achievement of the learning outcomes across years 1 and 2. However, the visitors could not see how this will progress in year 3. As the programme has only run for two years, the visitors considered that they need to see a policy or plan that the education provider has for practice-based learning for year 3 learners. With this, they would be able to determine whether the structure, duration and range of practice-based learning for year 3 learners would also support the achievement of the learning outcomes and the standards of proficiency (SOPs) for physiotherapists.

Suggested evidence: Policy that demonstrates how the structure, duration and range of practice based learning in year 3 will support learners in achieving the programme's learning outcomes and the SOPs.

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

Reason: The visitors reviewed the 'Physiotherapy Programme Staffing and the Annual Programme Evaluation – Physiotherapy Programme 2018-19' documents as part of the evidence for this standard. The visitors were satisfied that the programme currently has adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff to deliver practice-based learning across levels 4 and 5. However, as the programme is yet to progress onto level 6, the visitors were unsure how the education provider will ensure that there will be adequate staff in place to support all learners on the programme by the time the programme is fully recruited to level 6. As such, the visitors would require to see the policy that the education provider has in place to demonstrate that there will be adequate number of staff in PBL for all learners on the programme.

Suggested evidence: Evidence of the policy that shows that there will be adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff involved in PBL for all learners on the programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Worcester
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date submission received	20 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15229-H7L6C8

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Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 34
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09394

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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	University of Worcester
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	09 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15230-F5B7N2

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Patricia McClure	Occupational therapist
Alaster Rutherford	Independent Prescribing
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 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09395

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	York St John University
Name of programme(s)	BHSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, York St John University, FT (Full time)
Date submission received	06 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15665-Y4S8B8

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Gemma Quinn	Independent prescriber
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Jamie Hunt	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BHSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2006
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 48
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09405

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: 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 supplied information about the current person in this role, along with a job specification. This standard requires the education provider to ensure that the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme is appropriately qualified, experienced, and registered (unless other arrangements are appropriate).

From the education provider's evidence, the visitors were unable to determine the effective process by which the education provider ensures there is a suitable person in place to lead the programme, and if it becomes necessary, a suitable replacement. The visitors therefore require further evidence about how the education provider effectively

ensures there is a named person who holds overall professional responsibility for the programme and who is appropriately qualified and experienced.

Suggested evidence: The education provider must demonstrate that there is an effective process in place for appointing an appropriately qualified and experienced person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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