

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Abertay University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science, Full time
Date submission received	07 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15492-Z0K6S4

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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 15
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09051

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

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted	Reason(s) for non-submission
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes	
Internal quality reports from the last two years	Yes	
External examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	Yes	
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	Yes	
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	The education provider chose not to submit this documentation.

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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

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Education provider	Academy for Healthcare Science
Name of programme(s)	Certificate of Attainment, Full time
Date submission received	04 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15493-Q8P5X2

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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 Attainment
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Clinical scientist
First intake	01 October 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 260
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09052

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

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Section 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 supplied the name of the programme lead and submitted evidence demonstrating that the HCPC had approved her appointment. However, following the revision of the standards of education and training, this standard now requires education providers to demonstrate that there is a process in place for appointing a suitable replacement if it becomes necessary to do so. The HCPC no longer makes decisions about the suitability of individuals. The visitors did not see evidence of such a process, and therefore the education provider needs to submit such evidence,

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show how the education provider ensures that a suitable replacement person can be appointed to the role of programme lead if it

becomes necessary, for example job descriptions, person specifications, or a description of the recruitment process.

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 submitted a short narrative explaining how they meet this standard but the visitors were not able to view the supporting evidence because the HTML links were not working. They could not find the relevant documents in the submission, and were therefore unable to make an evidence-based determination about whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Accessible evidence demonstrating how the process outlined under this SET in the mapping document works.

3.8 Learners must be involved in the programme.

Reason: The education provider submitted a short narrative explaining how they meet this standard but the visitors were not able to view the supporting evidence because the HTML links were not working. They could not find the relevant documents in the submission, and were therefore unable to make an evidence-based determination about whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Accessible evidence supporting the narrative of learner involvement that is set out in the mapping document.

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

Reason: In their mapping document the education provider briefly described how they meet the standard but in the evidence column they did not cite any supporting evidence, and the visitors were unable to find relevant documentation elsewhere in the submission. They were therefore unable to make an evidence-based judgment about whether the standard was met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to support the narrative set out in the mapping document, for example the policies that are in place around raising of concerns and the way in which these policies are communicated to learners.

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

Reason: In evidence for this standard, the education provider submitted a document showing how the SOPs were assessed through the programme but they did not include evidence to show how assessment on the programme ensured that learners were able to meet the expectations of professional behaviour, including the standards of conduct, performance and ethics (SCPEs). The appropriate learning outcomes were in place, so SET 4.2 was met, but the visitors could not see how the learning outcomes relating to professional behaviour and the SCPEs would be assessed.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to demonstrate how the learning outcomes relating to the SCPEs and to expectations of professional behaviour will be assessed to ensure that learners are able to meet them.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Blood Sciences), Full time BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Cellular Sciences), Full time BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Genetic Sciences), Full time BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Infection Sciences), Full time
Date submission received	04 March 2020
Case reference	CAS-15162-K3Y7P6

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Kathleen Simon	Biomedical scientist
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Blood Sciences)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 7
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09111

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Cellular Sciences)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2013

Maximum learner cohort	Up to 7
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09116

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Genetic Sciences)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 7
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09117

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Infection Sciences)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Biomedical scientist
First intake	01 September 2013
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 7
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09118

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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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Education provider	Glasgow Caledonian University
Name of programme(s)	BSc in Operating Department Practice, Full time
Date submission received	11 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15562-B3X8C4

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Claire Brewis	Occupational therapist
Joanna Finney	Operating department practitioner
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc in Operating Department Practice
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Operating department practitioner
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09160

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

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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.

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

Reason: As evidence for this standard, the visitors reviewed the supplementary evidence and the ODP practice placement documents. The visitors noted that page 7 of the supplementary evidence stated that some second year learners will be undertaking a split placement between obstetrics and gynaecology, rather than spending an entire placement in obstetrics, due to the limited availability of obstetric placements. The document also stated that the education provider will be further reducing the number of practice-based learning areas that they intend to allocate learners to, as they move to only one-year group of learners. The visitors considered that this could imply a reduction in availability and capacity of practice-based learning for learners as there had

been no evidence submitted to indicate which placement areas will be reduced, and whether this implies organisationally or clinically. As such, the visitors require additional evidence that provides clarification around the reduced practice-based learning areas and to assure them that the programme will continue to have adequate practice based learning for all learners whilst it is still open.

Suggested evidence: Evidence demonstrating availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners.

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 education provider stated that there had not been any changes to how the programme meets this standard. The visitors noted in their documentation review that there will be a reduction in the numbers of practice-based learning areas that learners will be allocated to, as the programme moves to only one-year group of learners. Although the visitors were aware that the programme will be ending soon, they considered it is important for all learners on the programme to have adequate duration and range of practice-based learning to support them in achieving the learning outcomes and the standards of proficiency (SOPs) for operating department practitioners. The visitors considered that obstetrics is a mandatory sign off as part of clinical competencies to meet the SOPs for operating department practitioners. The visitors could not be certain that in a situation where this practice-based learning area is split for some of the learners, the learning outcomes would still be met for both obstetrics and any other placements that may be reduced. Therefore, the visitors require that the education provider submit additional information that demonstrates that the duration and range of practice-based learning (obstetrics and any other reduced placement) would allow learners achieve the learning outcomes and SOPs.

Suggested evidence: Evidence showing how reduced practice-based learning would support learners in achieving the learning outcomes and the standards of proficiency for operating department practitioners.

Section 5: Visitors' recommendation

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Education provider	London South Bank University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice, Full time
Date submission received	28 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15623-B5C2C5

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Programme name	BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Operating department practitioner
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09212

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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	No	External examiner report for 2018-19 was not provided. Education provider submitted two copies of the 2017-18 report instead.
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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3.4 The programme must have regular and effective monitoring and evaluation systems in place.

Reason: As part of the documentation required for this audit, the education provider is required to submit their external examiner (EE) reports for the last two academic years as part of the evidence of their process for monitoring and evaluating the programme. The visitors sighted and reviewed the 2017-18 external examiner report. However, they

noted that the 2018-19 EE report was not included in the submission. The visitors noted that the education provider submitted two copies of the 2017-18 EE report although one of them was named “2018-19 external examiner report.” This standard is about having regular and effective monitoring and evaluating systems in place to ensure programme’s quality. As the visitors were unable to find the most recent EE report, they could not be certain that the programme is being evaluated regularly and effectively. The visitors therefore request that the education provider submit the 2018-19 EE report before they can determine whether this standard is met.

Suggested evidence: Evidence of the 2018-19 external examiner report to show the programme is regularly and effectively monitored and evaluated.

Section 5: Visitors’ recommendation

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Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography, Part time BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography, Full time
Date submission received	28 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15625-Z7F7Q2

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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) Diagnostic Radiography
Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2007
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 67
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09214

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

Modality	Diagnostic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 67
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09215

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

Section 3: Requirements to commence assessment

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Required documentation	Submitted
HCPC annual monitoring audit form, including completed standards mapping	Yes
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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.

3.8 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, through committees 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.

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 23 April 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	The University of Northampton
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Podiatry, Full time
Date submission received	09 March 2020
Case reference	CAS-15655-G0Q6Q2

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Sharon Wiener-Ogilvie	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Jane Day	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Patrick Armsby	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 January 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 35
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09247

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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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 24 April 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	The University of Northampton
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Part time BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy - Apprenticeship Route, Full time
Date submission received	09 March 2020
Case reference	CAS-15656-Q8D6Q0

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Claire Brewis	Occupational therapist
Joanna Finney	Operating department practitioner
Temilolu Odunaike	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 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 40
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09248

Mode of study	PT (Part time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2002
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20

Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09249

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy - Apprenticeship Route
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2019
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09251

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

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography, Full time
Date submission received	27 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15669-K7P7V1

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Jane Day	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

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 2003
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09270

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: 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	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, Full time
Date submission received	28 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15675-C2F3S1

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Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
Jed Jerwood	Arts therapist - Art therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 October 1996
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 26
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09276

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
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	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration), Full time PgDip Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	20 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15695-Z9R1K3

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Claire Brewis	Occupational therapist
Joanna Finney	Operating department practitioner
Temilolu Odunaike	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 September 2005
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09278

Programme name	PgDip Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 January 1994

Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09284

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: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-registration), Full time Post Graduate Diploma Physiotherapy (Pre-registration), Full time
Date submission received	28 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15699-Z1Z9W4

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Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-registration)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2004
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 77 across both programmes
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09281

Programme name	Post Graduate Diploma Physiotherapy (Pre-registration)
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 September 2009

Maximum learner cohort	Up to 77 across both programmes
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09291

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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	Queen Margaret University
Name of programme(s)	PgDip Radiotherapy and Oncology, Full time
Date submission received	24 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15700-S7F3J3

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Sharon Wiener-Ogilvie	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Jane Day	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	PgDip Radiotherapy and Oncology
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Therapeutic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2003
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 12
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09285

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 23 April 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 Music Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	28 January 2020
Case reference	CAS-15704-P3K9S2

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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.

Section 1: Our regulatory approach

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Paula Hedderly	Arts therapist - Music therapist
Kathleen Simon	Biomedical scientist
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Music Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist
First intake	01 September 2015
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09293

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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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.

This annual monitoring report is based on a review of documents from the academic years 2017-18 and 2018-19. The visitors noted in the annual review document for 2018-19 there were concerns raised around teaching spaces and staffing in line with potential increases in learner numbers. However, the education provider has since submitted and had a major change approved by the HCPC to increase their learner numbers from 15 to 25. The visitors concerns in this assessment have therefore been superseded by new information.

In the major change report is a future consideration for the next assessment. However, as this relates to the previous two academic years the visitors were unable to

specifically assess them in this review. Therefore the future consideration from the major change should be considered at the next relevant assessment. The future consideration is as follows:

The visitors considered, from their review of the additional evidence submitted that sufficient teaching materials such as books/ebooks, musical instruments will be made available to accommodate the additional learners on the programme. However, availability of music practice rooms for individual music development/maintenance of skills (outside of class time) and reliance on a specific member of staff remain areas to consider in future assessments. These issues may impact on the programme's ability to meet the standards relating to programme resources in the future.

HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	Sheffield Hallam University
Name of programme(s)	MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration), Full time accelerated
Date submission received	05 December 2019
Case reference	CAS-15195-C7V8Z7

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

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration)
Mode of study	FTA (Full time accelerated)
Profession	Physiotherapist
First intake	01 January 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 25
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09327

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: For this standard, the visitors reviewed several documents, including the current course document, Expression of Interest and the Generic Course Leader role. The visitors could see from the mapping document that the course leader appeared to be the person holding overall professional responsibility for the programme. However, page 22 of the current course document highlights the role of the professional lead which also appeared to describe the role of the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme whilst the course leader role appeared to be limited to operational and administrative duties.

The visitors considered that there is lack of clarity around the individual(s) responsible for managing the programme and as such could not ascertain the education provider's criteria for determining their suitability for managing the programme. The visitors

therefore require that the education provider provide further evidence that clarifies the role of the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme and their process for ensuring the suitability of the individual(s) to undertake the role.

Suggested evidence: Further clarification around the role of the person with overall professional responsibility for the programme and the education provider's process for determining their suitability.

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

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

Reason: The visitors noted from reviewing the Course Improvement Plan 2017/18 document that the programme had an intake of 41 learners in the academic year 2017/18 and has a target of 40 learners for the 2018/19 academic year as opposed a maximum of 25 that was approved. The visitors could not understand the reason for the discrepancy in the learner numbers and therefore, were unclear if the programme has been able to adequately resource to this increased number of learners.

Following recent telephone conversations with the education provider, they have informed us that there are currently 39 learners in the first year and 44 learners in the second year of the programme. The visitors were unable to determine whether the education provider has adequate availability and capacity of practice-based learning for all learners on the programme or adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver the programme effectively. As such, the visitors require evidence demonstrating there is adequate practice-based learning and staffing for the increased number of learners.

Suggested evidence: Evidence to show that there continues to be adequate practice-based learning as well as appropriately qualified and experienced staff to deliver the programme effectively.

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: As part of the expanded evidence submitted for this audit, the visitors reviewed the external examiner reports. The visitors noted from their review that the programme has one external examiner. The visitors could see that the individual is appropriately qualified and experienced, however, they could not see that they are on the relevant part of the Register. As the visitors could not identify any other arrangements that the education provider has in place in situations where the external examiner is not registered, they could not determine that this standard was met. They therefore require that the education provider provide further evidence of how they ensure that the external examiner for the programme meets HCPC requirements

Suggested evidence: Evidence that demonstrates other arrangements that the education provider has in place in situations where they have appointed an external examiner who is not on the relevant part of the Register.

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 Stirling
Name of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing (Supplementary and Independent Prescribing), University of Stirling, PT (Part time) Non-Medical Prescribing (Supplementary Prescribing Only), University of Stirling, PT (Part time)
Date submission received	03 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15199-Y3N0V6

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Gemma Quinn	Independent prescriber
Carol Rowe	Physiotherapist
Jamie Hunt	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	Non-Medical Prescribing (Supplementary and Independent 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	AM09333

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

Entitlement	Supplementary prescribing
First intake	01 January 2014
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 30
Intakes per year	2
Assessment reference	AM09334

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: For this standard, the visitors were provided with information about the current programme director, and the UoS Guide to being a Programme Director. This document was education provider-wide operational guidance to help the programme director to undertake their role. Within the document, there was no information about recruitment, or succession planning. 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	University of Ulster
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy and Oncology, Full time
Date submission received	02 March 2020
Case reference	CAS-15216-K2F9S2

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Sharon Wiener-Ogilvie	Chiropodist / podiatrist
Jane Day	Radiographer - Therapeutic radiographer
Patrick Armsby	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy and Oncology
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Radiographer
Modality	Therapeutic radiographer
First intake	01 September 2012
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 16
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09357

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 Ulster
Name of programme(s)	MSc Art Therapy, Full time MSc Art Therapy, Part time
Date submission received	04 March 2020
Case reference	CAS-15227-W8C7W0

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Kathryn Campbell	Physiotherapist
Jed Jerwood	Arts therapist - Art therapist
John Archibald	HCPC executive

Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	MSc Art Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Arts therapist
Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09369

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

Modality	Art therapist
First intake	01 September 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 10
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09370

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 started in September 2018, so we have only one year of evidence.
External examiner reports from the last two years	No	The programme started in September 2018, so we have only one year of evidence.
Responses to external examiner reports from the last two years	No	The programme started in September 2018, so we have only one year of evidence.
Practice based learning monitoring from the last two years	No	The programme started in September 2018, so we have only one year of evidence.
Service user and carer involvement from the last two years	No	The programme started in September 2018, so we have only one year of evidence.

Section 4: Visitors' recommendation

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HCPC annual monitoring process report

Education provider	York St John University
Name of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Full time
Date submission received	06 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15663-Q4P9T3

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

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Joanna Goodwin	Occupational therapist
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Section 2: Programme details

Programme name	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Mode of study	FT (Full time)
Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 August 2018
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 130
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09404

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
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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.

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

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Suggested evidence: Evidence of the education provider's process for supporting and enabling learners to raise concerns about the safety and wellbeing of service users and how learners are made aware of this process.

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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	York St John University
Name of programme(s)	MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration), Full time accelerated
Date submission received	06 February 2020
Case reference	CAS-15667-W4S3F5

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Profession	Occupational therapist
First intake	01 March 2017
Maximum learner cohort	Up to 20
Intakes per year	1
Assessment reference	AM09407

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

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Suggested evidence: Additional information on how the education provider will ensure learners are able to learn with, and from, professionals and learners in other relevant professions.

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