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Education and Training Committee Panel

Performance review – continued approval

Education provider	Medway School of Pharmacy
Assessment ref	N/A
Date of decision	28 September 2021

Panel: Katie Thirlaway (Chair)
Helen Gough
Luke Jenkinson

Decision
That the education provider remained approved.

Monitoring period
2 years (2022-23 academic year)

Reasons
The Panel accepted the visitor's recommendation that the education provider and its programmes should receive continued approval. The Panel noted the identified risks and mitigations in the report along with the observations of the provider and agreed that it was the responsibility of the provider for the ongoing provision of data points to the HCPC, who rely on this data for assurance on performance The Panel noted as a correction by the provider that there was one carer and one service user supporting the programme and that the involvement of service users would be followed up through future reporting. The report had stated there were two carers and no service users involved. The Panel noted that the highlighted lack of standard reporting and feedback of external examiners was due in part to the period covered by the review and the changing from one external examiner system to another. The reason the visitors' recommended a three-year period was to allow for the development and integration of new external examiner arrangements. From the observations, the Panel noted that this process is already underway at the

provider, and therefore the HCPC can review effectiveness at an earlier date. This would also allow for the provider to establish internal mechanisms to provide data points to the HCPC should they wish to, prior to undertaking the next full assessment of provider performance.

The Panel decided that for the reasons given above, the provider's next engagement with the performance review process should be in 2 years, that being the 2022-23 academic year rather than the 3-year monitoring period as recommended in the report.

Signed:…………………………………………………………………….. Panel Chair