

AGENDA

Education and Training Panel – tier 1 paper approval route March 2026

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- 1. Approval**
 - a. Programmes recommended for approval subject to meeting conditions
NONE
 - b. Programmes recommended for approval
NONE
- 2. Performance review**
 - a. Review period for institutions which have been subject to the performance review process
NONE
- 3. Focused review**
 - a. Institutions/programmes subjected to the focused review process, where no further action is recommended
 - University of the Highlands and Islands
 - University of the West of Scotland
 - b. Institutions/programmes subjected to the focused review process, where referral to another process is recommended
NONE
- 4. Record changes – provider consent**
 - University of Essex, BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy Degree Apprenticeship, FT (Full time)

Introduction

The Education and Training Committee makes all decisions on programme approval and on other operational education matters. Decisions are categorised into three 'tiers', which are categorised based on risk, whether recommended outcomes are challenged by providers, and / or whether there is a significant negative impact for the provider and/or learners. Meetings of the Education and Training Panel are reserved for items which require a higher level of oversight or discussion before a decision can be made.

This agenda is for tier 1 papers-based decisions only. These decisions are by nature low risk. Decisions are made at this tier in a specific set of limited circumstances, most importantly when education providers have not provided any comments on the outcome through 'observations' and therefore this is no disagreement about the recommendation put forward by lead visitors or the executive.

Each section of the agenda has an explanation of the recommended process outcome, with information which enables the Panel to make a decision.

1. Approval

- a. Programmes recommended for approval subject to meeting conditions: NONE**
- b. Programmes recommended for approval: NONE**

2. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- a. Review period for institutions that have been subject to the performance review process: NONE**

3. FOCUSED REVIEW

a. Institutions/programmes subject to the focused review process, where no further action is recommended

For each provider listed, the executive team has judged that the trigger investigated does not impact on our education standards being met. Education providers and any case contacts have not supplied observations for these recommendations, meaning they do not object to the recommendations made.

The Panel is asked to consider the information in the enclosure and to approve the recommendation that no further action is required.

| Education provider | Review level | Review recommendation | Enclosure |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| University of the Highlands and Islands | Institution | No further action | 3.a.i |
| University of the West of Scotland | Institution | No further action | 3.a.ii |

b. Institutions/programmes subjected to the focused review process, where referral to another process is recommended:

NONE

4. RECORD CHANGES – PROVIDER CONSENT

Education providers have provided consent to make administrative changes to programme records as listed below. Programmes in this section are either:

- closing/have closed to new cohorts; or
- opening to replace an existing programme record.

The Panel is asked to confirm the administrative changes to the list of approved programmes as set out in the table below.

| Education provider | Programme name | Mode of study | First intake date | Last intake date | Reason for change |
|---------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| University of Essex | BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy Degree Apprenticeship | FT (Full time) | 01/10/2022 | 31/10/2025 | Programme closure |