

AGENDA

Education and Training Panel – tier 1 paper approval route June 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
 - The SMAE Institute

3. **Focused review**

- a. Institutions/programmes subjected to the focused review process, where no further action is recommended
 - Buckinghamshire New University, Institution
 - University College Birmingham, Programme(s)
 - University of Bath, Programme(s)
 - University of Derby, Institution
- b. Institutions/programmes subjected to the focused review process, where referral to another process is recommended
None

4. **Record changes – provider consent**

- University of East Anglia, MSci Speech and Language Therapy

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

For each provider listed, partner visitors have judged that the provision is of sufficient quality to continue to meet relevant education standards. They are recommending review periods below, for the reasons noted. Education providers 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 table(s) below and to approve the recommended review period for each provider.

Education provider	The SMAE Institute		
Case reference	CAS-01820-J3C9N4	Lead visitors	Natalie Fowler, Wendy Smith
Review period recommended	Two years		
Reason for recommendation			
The education provider should next engage with monitoring in two years, the 2027-28 academic year, because: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a lack of established data points. As detailed in the data and reflections section we shall work with the education provider to develop the required data.			
Referrals			
No referrals.			

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
Buckinghamshire New University	Institution	No further action	3a.i
University College Birmingham	Programme(s)	No further action	3a.ii
University of Bath	Programme(s)	No further action	3a.iii
University of Derby	Institution	No further action	3a.iv

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 East Anglia	MSci Speech and Language Therapy	FT (Full time)	01/09/2020	01/09/2021	Programme closure