

Health Professions Council

Visitors' report

Name of education provider	London South Bank University
Name and titles of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography
	PG Dip Therapeutic Radiography
Mode of Delivery (FT/PT)	Full time/Part time
Date of Visit	6-8 March 2007
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2007
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Angela Duxbury
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Mandy Hargood
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Professor Phil Cardew (Pro VC and Chair) Catherine Moss (Secretary) Gaile Biggart Society and College of Radiographers Professor Mike Molan LSBU Professor Geoffrey Elliott LSBU Lisa Greatrex LSBU

Scope of visit (*please tick*)

New programme	
Major change to existing programme	X
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	

Confirmation of meetings held

	Yes	No	N/A
Senior personnel of provider with responsibility for resources for the programme	X		
Programme team	X		
Placements providers and educators	X		
Students (current or past as appropriate)	X		

Confirmation of facilities inspected

	Yes	No	N/A
Library learning centre	X		
IT facilities	X		
Specialist teaching accommodation	X		

Confirmation that particular requirements/specific instructions (if any) of the Education and Training Committee that have been explored e.g. specific aspects arising from annual monitoring reports.

Requirement (please insert detail)	Yes	No	N/A
1			
2			
3			
		•	•

Proposed student cohort intake number please state	BSc = 12
	PG Dip = 17

The following summarises the key outcomes of the Approvals event and provides reasons for the decision.

CONDITIONS

SET 1. Level of qualification for entry to the Register

The Council normally expects that the **threshold** entry routes to the Register will be the following:

- 1.1.1 Bachelor degree with honours for the following professions:
 - chiropody or podiatry;
 - dietetics;
 - occupational therapy;
 - orthoptics;
 - physiotherapy;
 - prosthetics and orthotics;
 - radiography;
 - speech and language therapy;
 - biomedical science (with the Certificate of Competence awarded by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS), or equivalent if appropriate); and

Condition: The documentation must be revised to make it clear that the PGDip is the HPC approved qualification for entry onto the register, not the MSc.

Reason: Currently the PGDip is an exit award for those who do not complete the entire MSc, however the University only seeks HPC approval for the PGDip, not the entire MSc. The documentation for the PGDip therefore needs to be separated from the documentation for the MSc.

SET 2 Programme admissions

The admission procedures must:

2.1 give both the applicant and the education provider the information they require to make an informed choice about whether to make, or take up the offer of a place on a programme

Condition: The admissions procedures must clearly articulate the fact that students on successful graduation must apply for registration with the HPC.

Reason: Currently the documentation does not explain this and therefore the students are not aware that this process is <u>not</u> automatic.

SET 3. Programme management and resource standards

3.1 The programme must have a secure place in the education provider's business plan.

Condition: The education provider must provider confirmation and review of the resources for the new programmes.

Reason: Before the new programmes commence there must be evidence produced that will show that the commissioned numbers have been given support by NHS London and that the numbers and resources have not been moved to the detriment of the other established programmes.

SET 5. Practice placements standards

5.2 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff at the placement.

5.3 The practice placement settings must provide:

5.3.1 a safe environment; and for

5.3.2 safe and effective practice.

5.5 The number, duration and range of placements must be appropriate to the achievement of the learning outcomes.

Condition: The documentation must include clinical placement resources for 2 of the cancer centres involved in student placements.

Reason: In the current documentation the practice placement educator information for the 2 cancer placements is missing. There is no named placement educator or mentor listed.

Recommendation

SET 2 Programme admissions

The admission procedures must:

2.2 apply selection and entry criteria, including:

2.2.2 criminal convictions checks;

2.2.3 compliance with any health requirements; and

Recommendation: The programme team should consider including student self declaration on an annual basis.

Reason: Currently there is no formal policy to monitor criminal conviction checks and health requirements after entry to the programmes.

Commendations

The partnership with the Trusts is excellent.

The quality of the subject specific documentation was excellent.

The nature and quality of instruction and facilities meets the Standards of Education and Training.

We recommend to the Education and Training Committee of the HPC that they approve this programme (subject to any conditions being met).

Visitors' signatures:

Angela Duxbury

Date: 9 March 2007