Health Professions Council

Visitors' report

Name of education provider	University of Paisley
Name and titles of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing
Mode of Delivery (FT/PT)	Part time (26 days on campus) Blended Learning (min 12 days on campus)
Date of Visit	1 May 2007
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2007
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	David Whitmore, Paramedic Gordon Pollard, Paramedic
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Chris Hipkins
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Professor Malcolm Crowe, Chair Nina Anderson, University of Paisley

Scope of visit *(please tick)*

New programme	☒
Major change to existing programme	☐
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	☐

Confirmation of meetings held

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

Confirmation of facilities inspected

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

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	35 x 2

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

CONDITIONS

SET 2 *Programme admissions*

2.2.1 The admission procedures must apply selection and entry criteria including evidence of a good command of written and spoken English;
2.2.2 The admission procedures must apply selection and entry criteria including criminal convictions checks; and
2.2.3 The admission procedures must apply selection and entry criteria including compliance with any health requirements.

Condition: The employer declaration must be amended to make it clear that the employee/student must have an up to date enhanced CRB check before they can commence the course, and that the employer believes their level of English language and health is sufficient for the course.

Reason: The Visitors were advised that CRB checks are completed, however this was not clear in the documentation. It was also not clear how the University ensures that students have a sufficient level of English language and meet relevant health requirements.

SET 6. *Assessment standards*

6.7.3 Assessment regulations must clearly specify requirements for an aegrotat award to not provide eligibility for admission to the HPC Register.

Condition: The documentation should be updated to make it clear that aegrotat awards are not available for this programme.

Reason: This was not clear in the documentation.

Deadline for conditions to be met:	**31 May 2007**
Expected date visitors' report submitted to Panel for approval:	**12 June 2007**
Expected date programme submitted to Panel for approval:	**12 June 2007**

ALL CONDITIONS MET

RECOMMENDATIONS

6.7.5 Assessment regulations must clearly specify requirements for the appointment of an external examiner from the relevant part of the HPC register.

Recommendation: That before an external examiner is appointed the course team liaise with the HPC to establish the credentials required to meet HPC standards.

Reason: The programme team currently intends to appoint an external examiner from the relevant part of the HPC register, however the HPC is currently consulting on a change to this standard so before an external examiner is appointed the HEI should check the latest requirements.

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:

David Whitmore
Gordon Pollard

Date: 1 May 2007