

Department of Education & Policy

**Approval of Post-Registration Programmes LA and PoM (Podiatry)**

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

**1. Introduction**

Two approvals visits have now taken place for standalone Local Analgesia courses for Chiropodists/Podiatrists. The course for New College Durham has been approved and the Visitors' Report is included as part of the next agenda item. Questions have been raised about whether it is appropriate to use the full set of Standards of Education & Training (apart from SET 1 - threshold entry standards) for standalone short courses such as LA & PoM and Supplementary Prescribing.

Many of the conditions which the Visitors set at the New College Durham visit were also raised at the LA visit at Anglia Polytechnic University, where conditions were also laid down around SETs 3 and 4. All conditions at both visits were as a result of using the full set of Standards of Education & Training (excluding SET 1) as the criteria for the assessment.

**2. Decision**

The Committee is asked to consider:

whether the full set of Standards of Education & Training (excluding SET 1) should be used as the criteria for assessing standalone courses as opposed to full degree programmes. In reaching its decision the Committee is asked to use the first Visitors' Report available for a standalone course ie that for New College Durham (a copy can be found at the next agenda item) as a means of assessing the value of using the SETs in this manner.

Should the Committee decide that the full set of Standards of Education & Training (excluding SET 1) should *not* be used then consideration should be given to what criteria would be most appropriate in this context.

**3. Background information**

The HPC requires to flag on the Register entitlement to practise LA&PoM and Supplementary Prescribing for the appropriate registrants and, as such, these courses require to be approved by the HPC.

**4. Resource implications**

There are no resource implications.

**5. Financial implications**

There are no financial implications.

**6. Background papers**

None

**7. Appendices**  
None

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