

**Approvals Committee  
(17 May 2005)**

**Department of Education & Policy**

**Arts Therapy Programmes – PG Dip and MA**

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

**1. Introduction**

Central School of Speech and Drama have an HPC approved PG Dip programme in Dramatherapy. They have also been running an MA; HPC did the approval visit for this in April 2005. Once the conditions have been met the MA will be on the HPC Register for 05/06. People who have just graduated from the MA have covered all the PG dip modules in addition to having done a dissertation so the PG Dip award is encompassed in the MA award.

Similarly we have been asked if we can approve a PG Music Therapy programme at Guildhall School of Music and Drama which was validated by York (and which is on the HPC list of approved programmes) but the validation has changed from the University of York to City University; HPC was not involved in the new validation. Guildhall only want to run the PG dip in its current form for 05/06 are asking us to visit in July to extend the validation for one year. During 05/06 they will develop an MA in Music Therapy and will then have a joint HPC and City validation event for the new programme which will be the entry level to the HPC Register.

At Goldsmiths the PG Diploma is now incorporated into the MA Art Psychotherapy. Along with all other Arts Therapy trainings, from 2003-4 the level has been set by the professional bodies at Masters level, and this is now reflected in Arts Therapies Standards of Education and Training. All Arts Therapy programmes were approved between 1999-2000 under the old system, as a mix of PG diplomas and Master's degrees, and will gradually be re-approved under the new system. The MA at Goldsmiths will have an HPC Approval Visit during 2005/06. Students who are graduates of the MA programme have been admitted to the HPC Register with their PG Dip award.

**2. Decision**

The Committee is asked to agree:

That where Education Providers are already running an HPC approved PG Dip Programme, and an MA programme which has yet to be approved, graduates from the MA Programme will be eligible to apply for HPC Registration providing the Education Provider submits written confirmation and provides evidence that the only difference between the PG Dip programme and the MA programme is the addition of a dissertation. Once the MA programme has been approved by HPC the PG Dip will cease to be an entry qualification to the HPC Register.

**3. Background information**

None

**4. Resource implications**

There are no resource implications.

**5. Financial implications**

There are no financial implications.

**6. Background papers**

None

**7. Appendices**

None