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LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

99. It was noted that the response to this consultation paper from the Department of Health had been sent on 25th October 2002, so it was too late to comment. Members approved the response and suggested that it be submitted to Council in December for information.

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EXPECTATIONS OF M'LEVEL PROGRAMMES AT QUALIFYING LEVEL

100. The committee welcomed these guidelines and agreed that it would be helpful to produce CSP guidelines on the differences between qualifying and post-qualifying masters degrees in physiotherapy as the members had a number of misconceptions about them. It was agreed that what was produced must be regarded as a guide, and not be seen to be dictating level/content to universities. Table 2 outlining the comparisons between expectations of qualifying and post-qualifying programmes was commended and fulfilled most of the needs regarding both correlation of expectations between the two programmes and points of difference. However, it was felt that stating "a science background" under knowledge and skills was too prescriptive and could be replaced by "cognate disciplines ". It was also questioned whether physiotherapy should be an MSc or MA. It was felt that "being able to engage genuinely in evidence-based practice" should apply to both pre and post-qualifying masters programmes but that "specialist clinical reasoning skills" should also be referred to in the qualifying column. It was felt that whilst qualifying masters students would not have "advanced skills" but should demonstrate higher reasoning skills than undergraduate students and this could be reflected through a different clinical assessment form. It was questioned whether "influencing change" was appropriate for qualifying masters. The issue of clinical experience for those undertaking postgraduate masters was also queried. It was noted that many students now progressed straight from undergraduate to postgraduate study without a break. In addition, some masters programmes have no clinical component. There was some debate about academic levels within masters programmes, particularly in relation to para 7 of the guideline. It was felt that the level of prescription between level 3 and M'level needed to be revised. Sally Gosling agreed to undertake the changes discussed at the meeting and the Committee agreed that once these changes in emphasis had been made, the paper should go to the Education and Professional Practice meeting in January 2003.

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ISSUES RAISED BY THE MODERNISATION AGENDA

101. The Committee discussed what its role might be in the approval/consideration of Foundation Degrees. It was felt that the JVCs role was ensure quality and standards of education were maintained. The general opinion of foundation degrees was that they represented Year 0 and Year 1 of an honours degree course and therefore students would normally be eligible to enter an honours degree programme at Level 2. It was felt that if it was expected that students would progress automatically from a foundation degree to either Level 2 or Level 3 of an honours degree the onus should be on the foundation degree provider to prove that the

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students have met the learning outcomes for them to enter that level. It was agreed that it would be helpful to draw up principles with appropriate guidelines for JVC's role in foundation degrees and that this would be undertaken by Sally Gosling, Margaret Curr and a committee member.

102. It was agreed that the Society's position on interprofessional learning was clearly set out in the CSP curriculum framework.

SCHEDULES FOR APPROVAL PROCESSES

103. It was noted that a number of institutions had been given the opportunity to present their proposals to JVC over the last year and members wished to ensure that everyone was given the same opportunities in this respect in order to ensure that approval processes are standardised. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

INTAKE NUMBERS 2002 – OVER-RECRUITMENT

104. The Committee received information from Robert Gordon University and the University of the West of England explaining they had recruited over their validated numbers for September 2002 intake and providing some information on how they would cater for the additional numbers. Robert Gordon had recruited 57 students, rather than 48 for which they were validated. The Committee did not feel they had fully justified the reason why they had over-recruited and wanted to know how it would be prevented in future. The University of the West of England had over-recruited by 8 students, due to an administrative problem in the university admissions office. JVC agreed that both institutions should attempt to give some assurance that over-recruitment would be avoided in future years and the resource implications of the extra numbers be carefully monitored.

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NEW PROGRAMMES

St Martin's College, Carlisle

105. The Committee considered an outline proposal for a new BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy programme at St Martin's College, based in Carlisle under licence and in collaboration with the Manchester School of Physiotherapy. The Committee gave approval in principle to the College to prepare for the validation of the programme in April 2003. The College was advised to ensure there was no overlap of placements with other providers in the region.

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University of Central Lancashire

106. The Committee considered a report from the University of Central Lancashire setting out proposed arrangements for a franchise of the BSc (Hons)

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Physiotherapy programme at Salford University. The Committee gave approval in principle for this to proceed to validation in May 2003.

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PHYSIOTHERAPY PROGRAMMES

University of Birmingham

107. The Committee received the report from the validation event for the part-time flexible BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy route held on 25 September 2002. It was noted that a response had not been required and a document had been submitted amended according to the conditions and recommendations set at the event. The flexible programme was approved to run concurrently with the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy full-time route. It was noted that as the programme was the same as the full-time route in content, assessment and structure, it would not be submitted to the Education and Training Committee of the HPC as a new programme.

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108. The Committee noted changes to regulations regarding the pass degree at Birmingham, and also changes to the assessment for the Professional Development 1 and 2 modules, which had been considered by the scrutineer prior to the meeting.

University of Brighton

109. It was noted that the validation event for the MSc Rehabilitation Science (with eligibility for state registration as a physiotherapist) was held on 11 September 2002. The report and university's response to the conditions and recommendations set at the event would be considered at the February 2003 meeting of JVC.

Colchester Institute

110. The Committee noted the appointment of Jenny Morris as Acting Head of Physiotherapy following Jo Jackson's appointment to South Bank University.

Leeds Metropolitan University

111. The Committee approved changes to the assessment regulations for the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy programme which had been developed following implementation of new University Regulations. It was noted that they should be asked to substitute "eligibility to practice" for "licence to practice".

Manchester R.I. School of Physiotherapy

112. The Committee approved modifications to BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy Assessment programme as a consequence of applying credit rating as required by the University of Manchester. It was requested that the university supply the CSP with a new definitive document when all the changes have been finalised.

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University of Northumbria at Newcastle

113. The Committee received a presentation and considered a programme Proposal for a new framework of qualifying programmes in Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy from September 2003 in response to the NHS modernisation agenda "Meeting the Challenge". It has been agreed that a representative from the Occupational Therapy JVC be invited to attend for this item. The proposal included the following new programmes in physiotherapy:

BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy - 2 year full-time accelerated pathway and 4 Year in-service pathway

MSc Physiotherapy 2 year full-time qualifying pathway

These were underpinned by the philosophy of widening entry and Offering more flexible pathways to qualification, stronger partnership with Service providers and a stronger practice focus, new ways of supporting practice-based learning and development of inter-professional learning in university and in practice.

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114. Following the presentation, given by Ieuan Ellis, the Committee asked a number of questions, in particular whether clinical staff were keen to participate in the new venture, how different models of student learning would be supported, how clinical staff would be prepared to manage both increased numbers of students and students with different learning styles and marketing strategies. It was established that the total number of students on either programme was unlikely to increase significantly but would be distributed differently on each pathway. The role of the new Practice Placement Facilitators was explained in more detail and stressed that their role was key to the new developments. The issue of interprofessional placements, and supervision, was discussed. It was agreed that each student needed a named supervisor from their own profession to be responsible for them on placement even if they were not always practising under their direct supervision.

115. The Committee thanked Ieuan for the time taken to present the new Proposals to them. The Committee welcomed the strong commitment to widening access and participation but stressed the importance of adequate staff support and physical resources to sustain such a wide portfolio of pathways. In addition, minimum numbers would be required for each pathway to ensure their viability/suitable student experience and to avoid the need for students to be directed away from other routes. There also needed to be a clearer articulation of the practice learning zones and how they would work, together with evidence of placement availability, particularly if it was intended that students were out on placement for longer. In addition the outcomes of the different routes needed to be more clearly articulated. Agreement in principle was given to move to validation in Spring 2003.

116. The Committee commented on how useful it had been to include a member of the OT JVC in the discussion of this inter-professional proposal.

BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy – restructuring of Year 2

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117. The committee approved proposals for changes to Year 2 of the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy programme, as requested by the Committee on 18 July 2002.

Oxford Brookes University

118. The Committee approved in principle the postponement of the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy validation event scheduled for February in light of the university's proposal to make semesterisation changes. However in light of the university's lack of clarity on this, it was suggested a deadline for making the decision regarding postponement of a review be set before Christmas i.e. if these changes were not likely to be implemented until September 2005, revalidation should take place this Spring for commencement in September 2003. However, if they could be incorporated into the review for a revalidation in 2004, then postponement of the proposed Feb 2003 event was authorised.

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University of Salford

119. The Committee noted the changes that had been proposed to the Timetable for implementing the multiprofessional foundation Programme in response to the JVC's views on the outline proposal but Could not offer a guarantee that it would be prepared to send Representatives to a validation event during the week of 12 May 2003.

120. It was noted that Christine Smith and Linda Hollingworth had been Appointed acting heads of department following the appointment of Alison Chambers as Head of Allied Health Professions at the University Of Central Lancashire.

Southampton University

121. The Committee noted that Chair's action had been taken in September to approve the deferral of the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy revalidation until 2004 and the appointment of Jacki Griffith as Acting Head of Physiotherapy, following Fleur Kitsell's resignation.

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St George's Hospital Medical School/Kingston University

122. The Committee noted minor modifications to the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy programme running out until 2004.

South Bank University

123. It was noted that validation event to approve Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Radiography qualifying programmes at

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South Bank on 12/13 November had been successful. The full report would be presented to the next meeting of JVC in February 2003.

University of Ulster at Jordanstown

124. The Committee approved minor modifications to the MSc Physiotherapy programme which had been checked by the scrutineer prior to the meeting.

University of the West of England

125. The Committee confirmed that a short event would be required in order to validate a part-time BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy route.

University of Wales/Cardiff School of Physiotherapy

126. The Committee received the report and response from the validation event held on 24 September 2002 for the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy 2 year accelerated route. The programme was approved for 2 years from 6 January 2002 subject to ratification by the HPC Education and Training Committee and CSP Education Committee. The Committee also asked for reassurance that the definitive document reflected the changes outlined in the conditions and also for an update on new staffing before the course commenced.

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External Examiner Applications

Sarah Tyson

127. It was agreed to seek further information from Dr Tyson regarding her involvement in undergraduate physiotherapy teaching before approving her application.

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Jon Alltree

128. This application was approved.

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Simon Rouse

129. It was agreed to suggest that Dr Rouse be an external examiner to postgraduate programmes as his teaching experience was more appropriate for this area.

SCHEDULE OF VISITS 2003

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130. Members were asked to review their visit commitments for 2003 and inform Jenny Carey of any changes and/or volunteer for other events.

2002 Degree Classifications

131. These were noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

132. There was no additional business discussed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

133. The date of the next meeting was Tuesday 11th February 2003 starting at 9.00 a.m. Hotel accommodation would be booked for members for the night of 10th February.

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FOR INFORMATION

**PROSTHETISTS &
ORTHOTISTS**

MINUTES of the meeting of the Prosthetist-Orthotist Education Subcommittee of the Education & Training Committee of the Health Professions Council held at Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BU on Tuesday 10th September 2002 at 11:00.

PRESENT

Prof. N Jacobs,
Mr. I Massey,

Prof. M Pittilo,
Ms S Sexton

Mr. K. Andrew, Administrator, British Association of Prosthetists & Orthotists.

In Attendance: Mr T.C. Berrie, Secretary to the Subcommittee
Dr. P. Burley, Director of Education & Policy (02/08 & 09)

02/01 Subcommittee Chairman

It was **AGREED** that Mrs. S. Sexton be appointed as Chairman of the Subcommittee until the end of the first transitional period.

With Mrs. Sexton in the chair

02/02 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Mr. S. Blatchford, Mr. Clegg, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Munro, Mr. Peacock and Mr. S Hutchins (BAPO).

02/03 Education Committee of the Board

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Education Committee of the Prosthetists & Orthotists Board, held on 29th January 2002, were received.

2. Placements and placement supervisors – constraints and funding 02/02.2

The Subcommittee concurred that no further action could be taken on this until further discussion and negotiation had taken place within the health professions in general.

3. New Special Health Board for Education in NHS Scotland 02/03

The Board that afternoon had agreed that a response be made and Mr. Berrie reported that the Board's response had been acknowledged.

4. Prototype Review 02/04

Prof. Pittilo updated the Subcommittee on progress and agreed to find out the situation in respect of Scotland and report to the next meeting.