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MINUTES of the fifth meeting of the Education and Training Panel held on **Thursday 5 July 2007** at Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BU.

PRESENT: Ms P Sabine (Chairman)
Ms C Farrell
Professor D Waller

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr J Archibald, Education Administrator
Mr C Bendall, Secretary to the Panel
Ms A Creighton, Education Manager
Ms M Hargood, Education Officer
Ms D Mahoon, Education Officer
Ms T Samuel-Smith, Education Officer

Item 1.07/67 APPOINTMENT OF PANEL CHAIRMAN

1.1 The Panel agreed that Ms Sabine should act as Chairman for the meeting.

Item 2.07/68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Drayton.

Item 3.07/69 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 The Panel approved the agenda.

Item 4.07/70 MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PANEL HELD ON 12 JUNE 2007

4.1 It was agreed that the minutes of the fourth meeting of the Education and Training Panel should be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Item 5.07/71 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 The Panel received a paper to note from the Executive.

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- 5.2 The Panel noted that the action points arising from the previous meeting had been addressed.

Item 6.07/72 VISITORS' REPORTS

- 6.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 6.2 The Panel discussed the Visitors' report on the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy programme at the University of Birmingham. The Panel noted that the report included a condition which required that the placement handbook should be amended, to delete a statement that a minimum of 1000 hours of supervised placement practice was needed to qualify for registration with HPC. The Panel noted that the HPC did not stipulate a minimum number of hours.
- 6.3 The Panel noted that there were a number of substantial conditions in the report, including several relating to practice placement standards. The Panel noted that the Visitors would have to be satisfied that the conditions had been met, before they would recommend that the programme should be approved. The Panel noted that, if the programme was approved, the Visitors' report would be available to Visitors who reviewed the programme during the annual monitoring process.
- 6.4 The Panel discussed the report on BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy and BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at the University of East Anglia. The Panel agreed that the first condition should be amended to read that "the programmes lead to eligibility to apply for admission for the HPC Register" rather than "eligibility for admission to the HPC Register."
- 6.5 The Panel discussed the report on the BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science programme at Liverpool John Moores University. The Panel agreed that the first condition should be amended to read that the programme "leads to eligibility to apply for admission to the HPC Register" rather than "eligibility for admission to the HPC Register."
- 6.6 The Panel discussed the report on Non Medical Prescribing at Leeds Metropolitan University. The Panel noted that the requirement for a specified amount of clinical days was set by the Department of Health.
- 6.7 The Panel noted that the report on BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at London Southbank University required the removal of the age restriction preventing students under the age of 18 from entering the

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programme. The reason given was that this was inconsistent with the anti-discrimination policy. The Panel noted that the report should refer to a part-time version of the programme, not a full-time version as detailed in the paper.

6.8 The Panel discussed the report on MSc Physiotherapy at London Southbank University. The Panel noted that the proposed date for commencement of the programme was uncertain at this stage. The Panel noted that there was a condition relating to requirements for students' command of written and spoken English. The Panel noted that the HPC required that students should have level 7 in the International English Language Testing System on exit from the programme.

6.9 The Panel noted that a member would like to see a copy of the service users strategy referred to in the report.

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6.10 The Panel discussed whether it would be appropriate for the HPC to consider approving the MSc Physiotherapy programme so far in advance of the programme commencing. The Panel noted that the education provider was in the process of meeting the conditions and that a future Panel would consider the Visitors' recommendation on whether the programme should be approved.

6.11 The Panel agreed that the first condition in the Visitors' report for Non-Medical Prescribing at Robert Gordon University should be amended to refer to "prospective students" instead of "perspective students".

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6.12 The Panel noted that Visitors' reports often included conditions relating to practice placements and health and character checks. The Panel noted that some conditions related to references to "state registration". The Panel noted that the programmes under consideration had prepared for the approvals visit before publication of the HPC's guidance on the Standards of Education and Training (SETs). It was hoped that use of the guidance would reduce the number of conditions in reports.

6.13 Subject to the amendments agreed above, the Panel agreed to accept the Visitors' Reports for the following programmes, including the conditions recommended by the Visitors:

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Education provider	Programme name	Delivery mode
University of Wales, Bangor	Pg Dip Occupational Therapy	Full Time Accelerated
University of Birmingham	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full-time
University of Birmingham	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Flexible
University of East Anglia	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full-time
University of East Anglia	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full-time
Leeds Metropolitan University	Non-Medical Prescribing	Flexible
Liverpool John Moores University	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences	Full-time Part-time
London South Bank University	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Part-time
London South Bank University	MSc Physiotherapy	Full-time
London South Bank University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full-time Part-time
London South Bank University	PG Dip Occupational Therapy	Full-time
University of Northumbria at Newcastle	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences	Full-time Part-time
The Robert Gordon University	Non-Medical Prescribing	Part-time
Sheffield Hallam University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice	Full-time
Staffordshire University and Keele University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice	Full-time

Item 7.07/73 PROGRAMME APPROVAL

- 7.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 7.2 The Panel agreed that the following programmes should be approved, as the Visitors were satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' reports had been met and the programmes therefore met the Standards of Education and Training (SETs):

Education provider	Programme name	Delivery mode
Anglia Ruskin University	Non Medical Prescribing for Nurses and Allied Health Professionals	Part-time
Anglia Ruskin University	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging)	Part-time
Anglia Ruskin University	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Therapeutic)	Part-time

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Anglia Ruskin University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice	Full-time
Canterbury Christ Church University	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals	Part-time
Cardiff University (Prifysgol Caerdydd)	Dip HE Operating Department Practice	Full-time
Cardiff University (Prifysgol Caerdydd)	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Full-time
Cardiff University (Prifysgol Caerdydd)	Pg Dip Occupational Therapy	Full Time Accelerated
Cardiff University (Prifysgol Caerdydd)	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy & Oncology	Full-time
Cardiff University (Prifysgol Caerdydd)	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging	Full-time
University of Central England in Birmingham	Fd Sc Health and Social Care (Paramedic Science)	Full-time
University of Essex	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (Integrated)	Full-time
Glasgow Caledonian University	Non-Medical Prescribing (SCQF Level 9) Non-Medical Prescribing (SCQF Level 10) Non-Medical Prescribing (SCQF Level 11)	Part-time
Leeds Metropolitan University	Non-Medical Prescribing	Flexible
University of Northumbria at Newcastle	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences	Full-time Part-time
University of Paisley	Non-Medical Prescribing	Flexible Part-time
University of Plymouth	Dip HE Operating Department Practice	Full-time
University of Stirling	Non-Medical Prescribing	Part-time
University of Teesside	Dip HE Operating Department Practice	Full-time

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Item 8.07/74 VISITORS' REPORT AND PROGRAMME APPROVAL

- 8.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 8.2 The Panel noted that the Visitors' report for BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy at the North East Wales Institute of Higher Education had imposed no conditions of approval and the education provider had made no representations.
- 8.3 The Panel agreed to accept the Visitors' report and approve the following programme:

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Education provider	Programme name	Delivery mode
North East Wales Institute of Higher Education	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Part-time

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Item 9.07/75 ANNUAL MONITORING DECLARATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- 9.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 9.2 The Panel noted that, as part of the monitoring of programmes, education providers completed a declaration that there had been no unapproved changes to programmes and the programmes continued to meet the SETs. The Panel noted that the annual monitoring process and the major and minor change process operated on a basis that education providers declared all relevant information to the HPC.
- 9.3 The Panel agreed that the following programmes, which had submitted a signed declaration form, continued to meet the SETs:

Education Provider	Programme Name	Delivery Mode
City University	Pg Dip Speech & Language Therapy	Full-time
Glasgow Caledonian University	MSc Dietetics	Full-time
Glasgow Caledonian University	MSc Dietetics	Part-time
The Robert Gordon University	MSc Physiotherapy	Full-time

Item 10.07/76 ANNUAL MONITORING AUDITS FOR APPROVAL

- 10.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 10.2 The Panel noted that, as part of the monitoring of programmes, education providers in group A were expected to complete an audit form and submit it with their internal quality reports and external examiners' reports from the last two academic years. Annual monitoring assessment days had been held on 20 February 2007, 20 April 2007 and 22 May 2007 for Visitors to consider submissions.
- 10.3 The Panel agreed to accept the Visitors' recommendations that the following programmes continued to meet the SETs:

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Education Provider	Programme	Delivery Mode
University of Surrey	BSc (Hons) Nutrition/Dietetics	Full-time
University of Bradford	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full-time
Coventry University	Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science	Full-time
St Martin's College	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full-time

Item 11.07/77 NORDOFF ROBBINS MUSIC THERAPY CENTRE - MA MUSIC THERAPY

- 11.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 11.2 The Panel noted that the Visitors' report for the MA Music Therapy programme at the Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy Centre had been sent to the education provider on 23 March 2007, following a visit on 13-14 February 2007. No representations about the report had been received from the education provider within the 28 day period allowed in the Health Professions Order 2001. Consequently, the Visitors' report had been accepted by the Education and Training Panel on 31 May 2007.
- 11.3 The Panel noted that the documentation to meet the conditions in the Visitors' report had been received from the education provider and sent to Visitors on 4 May 2007. The Visitors had agreed that condition two had been met but that condition one was still outstanding. The outstanding condition required that the provider should make every effort to ensure each student's first period of Personal Music Therapy did not overlap with the start of his or her external Personal Psychotherapy, nor the second session of Personal Music Therapy with the last sessions of Personal Psychotherapy. The Visitors' decision had been sent to the education provider on 31 May 2007.
- 11.4 The Panel noted that the education provider had supplied amended information in relation to the condition one and had also submitted a formal representation appealing against the condition. The Executive had taken legal advice on how to proceed as the appeal was outside the 28 day period for representations allowed in the Health Professions Order 2001. The legal advice had recommended that the Education and Training Panel should consider the representation and, if necessary, revisit the Visitors' report.
- 11.5 The Panel noted that the difference over the condition between the Visitors and the education provider reflected different views within the profession, on whether overlapping types of therapy would be

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harmful. The Panel noted that the Visitors were aware of the education provider's response.

- 11.6 The Panel agreed that the Executive should write formally to Professor Waller, as the Arts Therapist member of the Education and Training Committee, to seek her view. The Panel agreed that Professor Waller's reply should be included in the papers presented to the next meeting of the Panel on 2 August 2007.

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Item 12.07/78 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 There was no other business.

Item 13.07/79 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 13.1 The next meeting would be held on Thursday 2 August 2007.
- 13.2 Subsequent meetings would be held on:

Thursday 27 September 2007
Thursday 25 October 2007
Wednesday 14 November 2007
Tuesday 4 December 2007

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