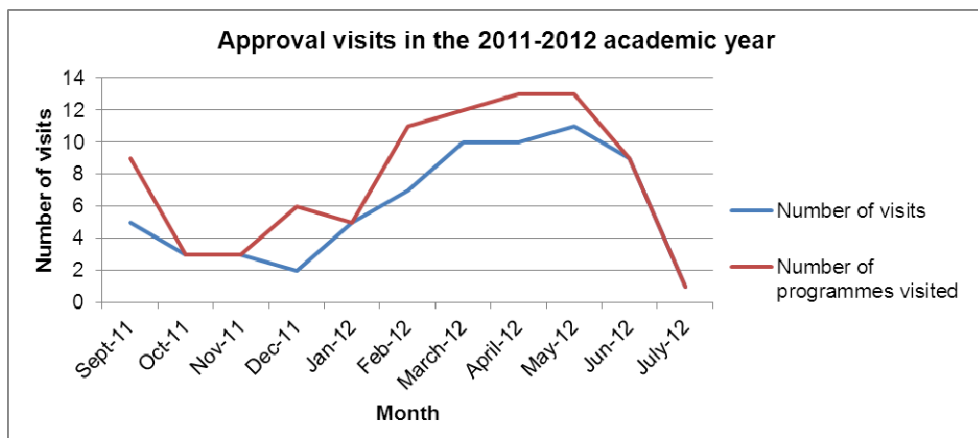


### Approval process

The Department is reaching the end of a period of peak approvals activity. There are currently 10 visits, reviewing 10 programmes, scheduled between June – September 2012. The majority of visits are to practitioner psychologist programmes (80%), followed by biomedical scientist and paramedic programmes (both 10%). The Department has scheduled 7 visits (covering 11 programmes) for the 2012-2013 academic year to date. Education providers have until December 2012 to request a visit before July 2013.



### Annual monitoring process

The Department has recently undertaken the final annual monitoring assessment days for the 2011-2012 academic year on 29 and 31 May 2012. It is envisaged that the majority of annual monitoring visitor reports from these assessment days will be considered by the Education and Training Panel in July 2012. Following the peak activity between December 2011 – May 2012, we expect to see a sharp decline in annual monitoring submissions as we move into the summer months.

The following table gives a progress report on all annual monitoring audit submissions.

Method of assessment	Date	Number of programmes considered	Number of decisions complete	Number of decisions outstanding
Assessment day	28 Feb 2012	29	29	0
Assessment day	28 March 2012	33	33	0
Assessment day	31 May 2012	46	46	0
Assessment day	29 May 2012	43	0	43
Assessment day	01 March 2012	43	0	43
Postal	Nov-11	3	2	1
Postal	Dec-11	1	1	0
Postal	Mar-12	1	1	0
Postal	Apr-12	2	0	2
Postal	May-12	14	0	14
Postal	Jun-12	4	0	4
Postal	Jul-12	1	0	1
Postal	Aug-12	1	0	1
Postal	Sep-12	2	0	2

To date, all decisions have been ‘continue to meet our standards’. There have been no triggers to the approval process.

### Major change process

The number of major change notifications received between March and May has been higher than anticipated. A significant proportion of these continue to be channelled into the approval and annual monitoring processes. The numbers that remain within the major change process are slightly higher than predicted. The majority have been processed with timelines advertised to education providers.

### Complaints process

The Department has received no new complaints since the last Committee meeting. Following the closure of two complaints in March, there is currently only one outstanding complaint which will go to today’s Committee meeting.

See appendix one for more information on the above operational processes.

### **Social workers (England)**

Members of the Department continue to meet regularly with the General Social Care Council (GSCC) to discuss the transfer of approved programmes and implementation of our approval and monitoring post transfer. The Department has now received a full set of draft data from the GSCC and is in the process of testing and migrating this against our internal information systems. The HPC & GSCC have jointly communicated to all education providers around pass lists requirements, to help students who graduate this summer to access the HPC register as smoothly as possible. Supplementary information has been added to the HPC website.

Members of the Department have attended three information days for education providers organised by the GSCC in March, April & May. The main focus of these days was post registration training and funding for qualifying programmes.

Three seminars for social worker education providers are scheduled for 28 June, 11 July and 18 July in London, Birmingham and Leeds respectively. There are currently 51 attendees signed up for the London seminar (with 21 on the reserve list) and 44 attendees signed up for both Birmingham and Leeds. These seminars will focus on introducing education providers to our standards, our model of regulation, our expectations around student fitness to practice and the similarities and differences between the regulator and the professional body.

The Department attended the last meeting of The College of Social Work (TCSW)'s Education Advisory Implementation Group. The College's transitional professional assembly signed off a suite of guidance and framework documents around admissions, curriculum and practice learning in mid April 2012 as well as their endorsement process.

The Department has made initial contact with all approved education providers. A welcome mailing was sent to all providers highlighting our standards and processes; recent Council and Committee decisions around service user involvement and student fitness to practice and explaining the planned communications points over the next few months.

The Department has also contributed to the draft memorandum of understanding with the Care Councils in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is anticipated that the final memorandum of understanding will be submitted to Council in July 2012.

### **Partners**

Following the second round of interviews for social worker visitors in March 2012, 8 offers have been made. This brings the total number of social worker visitors to 23, which should be sufficient for activities in the forthcoming year. We will continue to monitor visitors' requirements and if necessary embark upon a third round of recruitment towards the end of the 2012-13 financial years. Recruitment of AMHP visitors will take place in October – December 2012.

The Department held visitor training for new social workers and a small number of new visitors from other professions on 7 and 8 June 2012.

### **Publications**

The Department has produced the first draft of the Education Annual Report for 2011, which has been brought to today's ETC meeting for approval. The Department is in the process of reviewing all publications ahead of the name change in August 2012.

### **Liaison with stakeholders**

The tenth issue of the Education Update was distributed to education providers, visitors, professional body representatives and other stakeholders in week commencing 30 April 2012 and can be found

on the HPC website at <http://www.hpc-uk.org/education/update/>.

The following articles were included:

- Approval visits in the 2012-2013 academic year
- Closure of approved programmes
- Service user involvement in approved programmes
- Lay visitor pilot
- Guidance on health and character
- HPC to regulate non-medical public health specialists
- Professionalism in healthcare professionals
- Social workers in England set to join Register
- Standards of proficiency and threshold level of qualification for social workers (England)
- HPC to become Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Social worker seminars 2012
- Student fitness to practise and registration
- Consultation on profession-specific standards of proficiency
- Pass-lists for approved programmes
- Registration renewal reminder
- Grandparenting campaign launched
- New HPC telephone numbers
- New leaflet: Why your HPC registration matters

Members of the Department met with the following groups between March - June 2012:

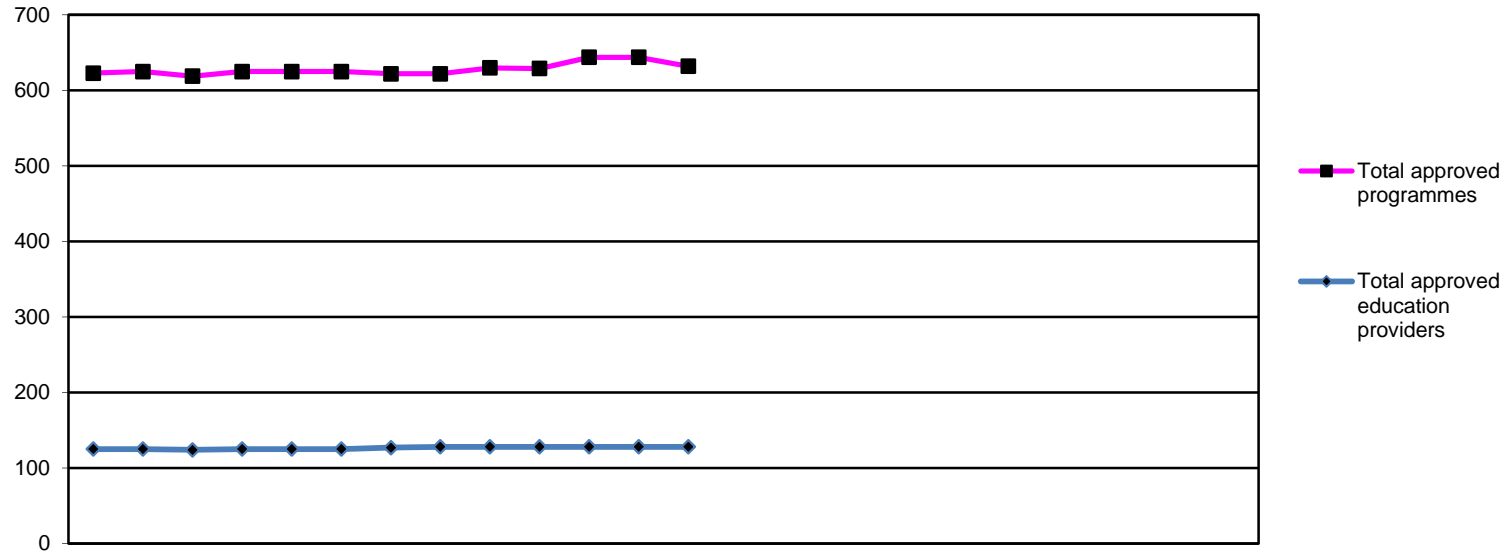
- College of Paramedics
- Educational Psychology Initial Training National Steering Group
- NHS London
- The General Social Care Council
- NHS Education for Scotland and NHS Grampian, in conjunction with the Chief Executive and Policy and Standards Department
- The College of Social Work
- AHP Medicines Project Working Group
- Department for Education (social work workforce team)

## **Employees**

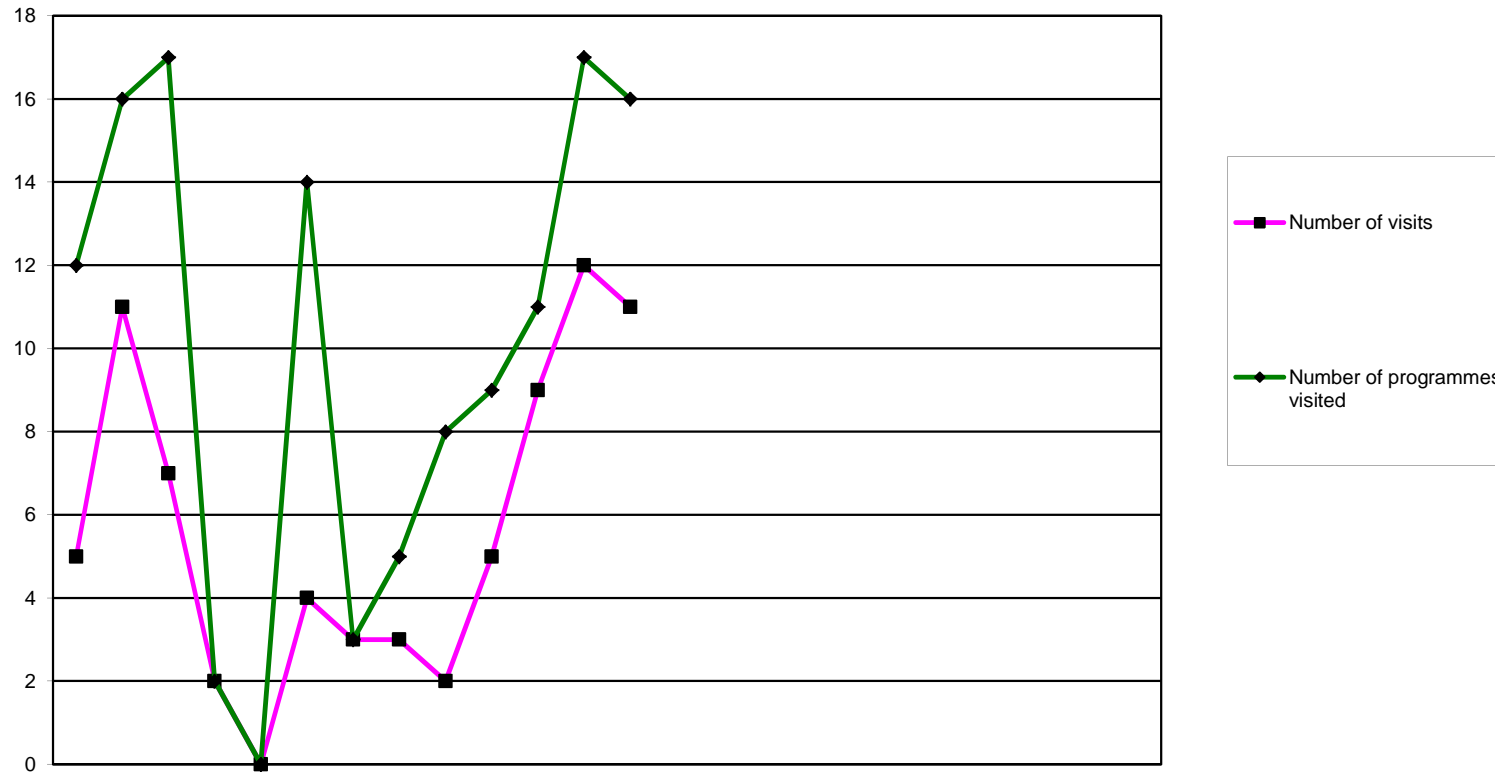
The Department has recently recruited two new Education Managers. Benjamin Potter, previously an Education Officer, started in his role on 16 April and Jamie Hunt, previously a Team Leader in the Registration Department, joined the Department on 30 April. The Department has also recruited a replacement Education Officer on a temporary basis, with Niall Lennon joining the Department on 14 May.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Education management information statistics

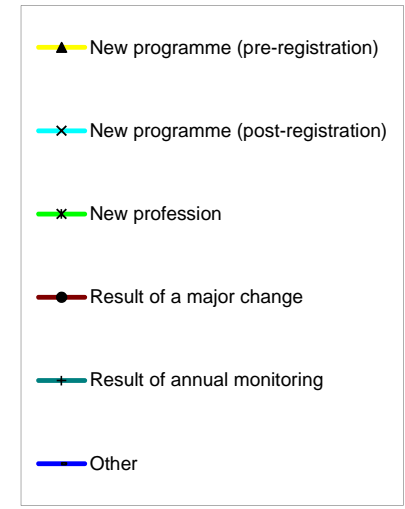
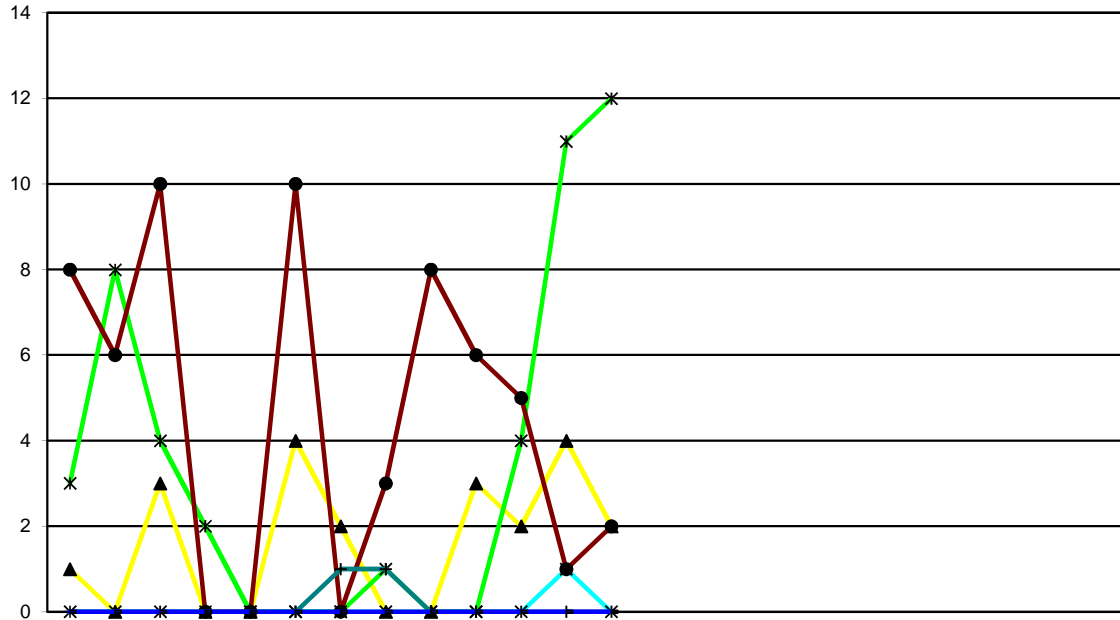


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	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	FYE	YTD		
Arts therapists	27	27	21	27	27	27	21	21	21	21	21	21	20												21	20		
Biomedical scientists	41	41	41	41	41	41	40	40	40	40	49	49	48													49	48	
Chirops/ Pods	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	20													20	20	
Clinical scientists	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1													1	1	
Dietitians	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33													33	33	
Hearing aid dispensers	18	18	16	18	18	18	15	15	15	15	18	18	13													18	13	
OTs	73	74	73	74	74	74	73	73	74	74	74	74	74													74	74	
ODPs	32	32	32	32	32	32	34	34	34	34	34	34	32													34	32	
Orthoptists	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3													3	3	
Paramedics	51	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50													50	50	
Physiotherapists	68	69	68	69	69	69	67	67	68	67	67	67	65													67	65	
Practitioner psychologists	83	83	88	83	83	83	93	93	95	95	95	95	95													95	95	
Prosthetists/Orthotists	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3													3	3	
Radiographers	52	55	52	55	55	55	51	51	55	55	56	56	55													56	55	
Social workers in England																												
SLTs	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32													32	32	
Local anaesthesia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2													2	2	
Prescription only medicine	8	8	9	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9													9	9	
Supplementary prescribing	78	76	77	76	76	76	77	77	77	77	77	77	77													77	77	
<b>Total approved programmes</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>632</b>													<b>644</b>	<b>632</b>	
<b>Total approved education providers</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>													<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	



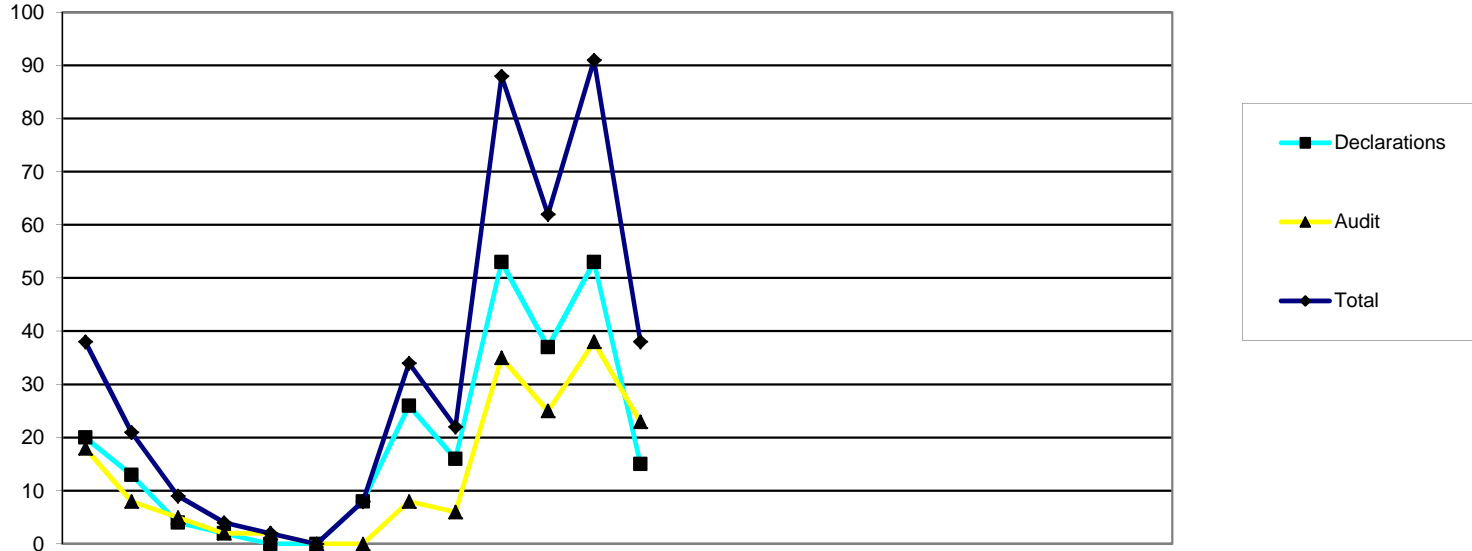
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	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
<b>Overview of approval visits</b>																									
<b>Number of visits</b>	5	11	7	2	0	4	3	3	2	5	9	12	11												
<b>Number of programmes visited</b>	12	16	17	2	0	14	3	5	8	9	11	17	16												

2005/6	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	YTD
0	101	63	42	38	58	63	11
27	117	68	84	80	101	114	16



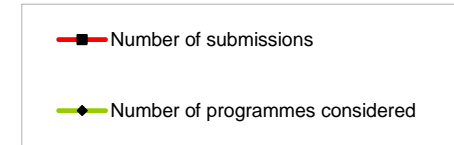
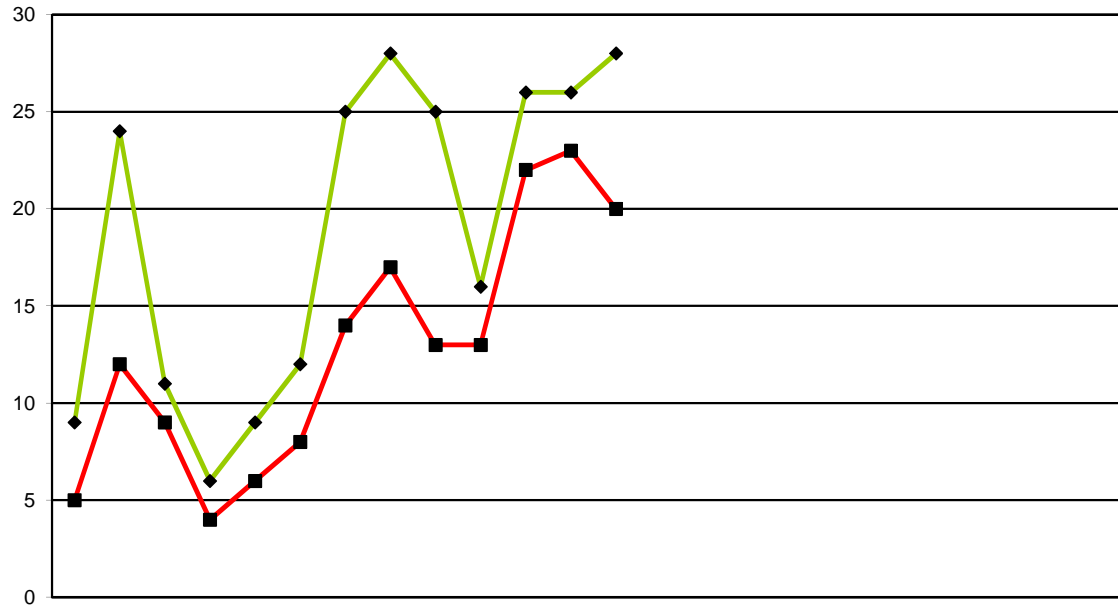
Reason for programme visited	2011			2012												2013									
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
New programme (pre-registration)	1	0	3	0	0	4	2	0	0	3	2	4	2												
New programme (post-registration)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0												
New profession	3	8	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	11	12												
Result of a major change	8	6	10	0	0	10	0	3	8	6	5	1	2												
Result of annual monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0												
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>												

2005/6	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	YTD
0	18	32	21	25	29	19	2
7	29	1	7	1	0	1	0
5	16	4	0	7	31	33	12
5	32	26	53	42	37	57	2
5	1	3	3	3	4	2	0
5	21	2	0	2	0	0	0
<b>27</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>16</b>



	2011			2012									2013		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<b>Annual monitoring submissions</b>															
<b>Declarations</b>	20	13	4	2	0	0	8	26	16	53	37	53	15		
<b>Audit</b>	18	8	5	2	2	0	0	8	6	35	25	38	23		
<b>Total</b>	38	21	9	4	2	0	8	34	22	88	62	91	38		

2005/6 FYE	2006/7 FYE	2007/8 FYE	2008/9 FYE	2009/10 FYE	2010/11 FYE	2011/12 FYE	2012/13 YTD
113	94	143	167	105	232	232	15
51	184	135	136	123	257	147	23
164	278	278	303	228	489	379	38



	2011			2012			2013						
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
<b>Major change submissions</b>													
<b>Number of submissions</b>	5	12	9	4	6	8	14	17	13	13	22	23	20
<b>Number of programmes considered</b>	9	24	11	6	9	12	25	28	25	16	26	26	28

2005/6	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	FYE	YTD
16	51	62	66	115	104	146	20
25	97	109	141	179	169	217	28



