

Education and Training Committee Panel

Request to vary the terms of an earlier decision

Programme name	The Frontline Academy (PG Dip Social Work)
Education provider	Frontline (ARK) and Tilda Goldberg Centre
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	Wednesday 30 April 2014
Date of Original Decision	Thursday 27 March 2014

Panel: Joy Tweed (Chair)
Shelia Drayton


Mary Clark-Glass

Decision:
<p>That the decision of the Panel of 27 March 2014 in respect of this programme (the Original Decision) is varied to the following extent:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">in paragraph iii, for "2-3 months" substitute "1-3 months".</p>
Reasons
<p>The Original Decision includes a requirement that a further visit to this programme should take place within 2-3 months of that decision. The education provider has asked for the timescale of that further visit to be varied so that it may take place at an earlier date.</p> <p>In part, that timescale was set by the Panel to provide the education provider with sufficient time to respond to the conditions which were imposed upon it as part of the Original Decision. Consequently, this Panel gave careful consideration to the submissions of the education provider on the issue of whether, if the timescale for the visit is varied, it would have sufficient time to be able to establish that it can meet those conditions.</p> <p>The Panel was informed by the education provider that it considers an earlier visit would provide a fair and proper opportunity to demonstrate that the programme meets all of the conditions which must be met before the programme can be approved by the HCPC.</p>

The education provider also informed the Panel that, if the date of the visit is brought forward, the education provider will have sufficient time to prepare for that visit, including preparing and submitting revised programme documentation to the HCPC ahead of that visit.

Taking account of those submissions and the practical feasibility for the HCPC of varying the date of the further visit, the Panel is satisfied that the variation to the Original Decision sought by the education provider should be granted.

Accordingly, the further visit to this programme is to take place within 1-3 months of the date of the Original Decision.

Signed:  Panel Chair