Health Professions Council

Visitors' report

Name of education provider	University of Huddersfield
Name and titles of programme(s)	Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice
Mode of Delivery (FT/PT)	Full Time
Date of Visit	27/28 Feb 2007
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2007
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Colin Keiley, Operating Department Practitioner Claire Brewis, Occupational Therapist
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Chris Hipkins
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Dr Pat Cullum, School of Music, Humanities and Media (Chair) Dr Janet Hargreaves, School of Human and Health Sciences Mrs Janine Day, Huddersfield University Business School Mr Philip Beckwith, University of Bedfordshire Mr Chris Reay, representing the College of Operating Department Practitioners

Scope of visit *(please tick)*

New programme	☐
Major change to existing programme	☐
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	☐
New profession	☒

Confirmation of meetings held

	Yes	No	N/A
Senior personnel of provider with responsibility for resources for the programme	☒	☐	☐
Programme team	☒	☐	☐

	Yes	No	N/A
Placements providers and educators	☒	☐	☐
Students (current or past as appropriate)	☒	☐	☐

Confirmation of facilities inspected

	Yes	No	N/A
Library learning centre	☒	☐	☐
IT facilities	☒	☐	☐
Specialist teaching accommodation	☒	☐	☐

Confirmation that particular requirements/specific instructions (if any) of the Education and Training Committee that have been explored e.g. specific aspects arising from annual monitoring reports.

Requirement (please insert detail)	Yes	No	N/A
1	☐	☐	☐
2	☐	☐	☐
3	☐	☐	☐

Proposed student cohort intake number please state	

The following summarises the key outcomes of the Approvals event and provides reasons for the decision.

CONDITIONS

SET 3 Programme Management and Resource Standards

SET 3.9: Where students participate as patients or clients in practical and clinical teaching, appropriate protocols must be used to obtain their consent.

Condition: A more formal process for obtaining student consent must be put in place, including making clear to students any impact that refusing consent may have.

Reason: There is currently no formal consent process in place.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SET 2 Programme admissions

SET 2.1: The admission procedures must give both the applicant and the education provider the information they require to make an informed choice about whether to make, or take up the offer of a place on a programme

Recommendation: The documentation should be revised to make it clear that HPC registration is not automatic at the end of the programme and that the time taken for registration may vary depending on the candidate's individual circumstances.

Reason: The current documentation suggests that HPC registration should be undertaken in the 3 weeks following the course. The programme team explained that HPC registration requirements are explained to students earlier in the course and students are encouraged to begin preparing their applications before the courses finishes, but this could be made a lot clearer in the documentation.

COMMENDATIONS

The HPC Visitors were impressed by the broad consultation and collaboration that had taken place with placement providers and students in the redevelopment of the programme.

The programme is soundly managed with excellent examples around student support and the management of practice placements.

The nature and quality of instruction and facilities meets the Standards of Education and Training.

We recommend to the Education and Training Committee of the HPC that they approve this programme (subject to any conditions being met).

Visitors' signatures:

Colin Keiley

Claire Brewis

Date: 1 March 2007