

Agenda Item 6

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Education and Training Committee

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**JOINT ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE
of the Health Professions Council
and the Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists**

**A meeting of the JAC was held on Tuesday, 23 April 2002, at
2 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX**

MINUTES

Present: Dr Gaye Powell, Chair
Ms Lesley Culling
Dr Susan Edwards
Mrs Aileen Patterson

In attendance: Dr Peter Burley, Deputy Registrar, HPC
Ms Lucinda Pilgrim, HPC
Ms Sylvia Stirling, RCSLT

5/02 Apologies for absence (Item 1)

There were no apologies for absence.

6/02 Minutes of the last meeting (Item 2)

The Committee received and approved Minutes of the last meeting [Minutes 1/02 - 5/02] held on 29 January 2002.

7/02 Work which had taken place since the last meeting (Item 3)

Dr Burley reported on events and work which had taken place since the previous meeting on 29 January 2002.

- (1) The Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine had ceased to exist on 31 March 2002, and the Health Professions Council had come into being on 1 April 2002.
- (2) To mark the new Council a launch had been held on Wednesday, 17 April at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Westminster, at which John Hutton, Minister for Health, had spoken. The event had been well received, and had been an opportunity for a large number of the people whose expertise the CPSM, and now the HPC, would call upon in future.
- (3) The Health Professions Council was now in its first transitional phase, and this would last for twelve months to 31 March 2003. During this phase arrangements for validation/accreditation of pre-registration courses would continue as before, except that the Reports from the

Panel visits would be sent to the Education and Training Committee for approval, rather than to the uni-professional boards, which no longer existed.

- (4) Diane Waller (Arts Therapists) is the chair of the Education & Training Committee and she has said that she wants to work as closely as possible with the professional bodies in determining the way forward on quality assurance for pre-registration courses. The Educationalists Forum meeting on 22 May would be joint with the Education & Training Committee. This would be an important meeting for considering the issues to be consulted on, and to ensure that the right questions are being asked.
- (5) The Allied Health Professions Forum has been given the contract for providing advice on CPD for the professions. Again, it was important that the questions surrounding CPD, including what, and how it is to be monitored, are framed.
- (6) Anna van der Gaag is the profession representative on the Education & Training Committee, which is a statutory committee of the HPC, and Jacki Pearce is on the Registration Committee, which is advisory only to the HPC.
- (7) Re-accreditation of courses will be dealt with at the level of the Education & Training Committee, whereas new courses will be sent for approval to the full Council.
- (8) The consultation period for all matters relating to the HPC will start on 1 July 2002 with a consultation document and the period for response will be until end September. Feedback will be published on 1 November, with the new arrangements published on 1 December. The new arrangements would be taken to the Privy Council on 3 February 2003, to come into effect on 1 April 2003, when all old systems will be replaced.
- (9) The results of the QAA Pilot visits may inform the new working arrangements, but there are a large number of issues surrounding the pilot visits which will need consideration.
- (10) Sites in the first-wave of the modernising agenda were not proving particularly problematic in terms of quality assurance and validation, because the courses were being re-arranged, rather than having significant changes to content. Under these circumstances, it was simply necessary for the JAC to receive the documentation concerning the course, and to make recommendations to the Education & Training Committee as to its acceptability.

Responses to re-accreditation reports

8/02 Speech & Language Therapists' Board (Item 4)

The Committee received an oral report from Lucinda Pilgrim on the current situation relating to previous visits and re-accreditations, and noted that there was action outstanding in providing the Privy Council with all documentation relating to all SLT pre-registration courses, which included all possible qualifications, ie with or without honours, etc.

Sylvia Stirling and Lucinda Pilgrim agreed to go through the degree list and check on documentation. Outstanding documentation was likely to be available in RCSLT if Lucinda had not received it from the HEIs concerned.

9/02 University of Central England in Birmingham (Item 5)

The Committee noted that although the University of Central England had provided some documentation to meet the conditions imposed by the visiting panel when they visited the University on 30 April and 1 May 2001, they had not yet supplied wastage/drop-out rates by cohort.

The Committee noted that:

Condition 1: that the currently advertised posts are suitably filled or alternative arrangements to ensure adequate staffing in both speech and language therapy and linguistics are made. This evidence should be produced by 31 December 2001.

This condition had been met.

Condition 2: that projected further increases in student numbers are not implemented until the University provides evidence to the Joint Accreditation Committee of adequate increases in staffing and other resources, including clinical placements, to support them.

The University had supplied information concerning support to students in a letter to Dr Powell and Dr Franklin dated 25 January 2002, and student numbers were: Year 1 56; Year 2 35; Year 3 39 = 130. This effectively met Condition 2.

Condition 3: satisfactory information regarding intake, progression and exist statistics since the last visit is supplied by 1 October 2001.

The University had not supplied single cohort figures, ie figures relating to one cohort passing from year 1 to year 2, and year 3, showing how many of the year 1 admitted, progressed through the course at first attempt, and successfully gained a degree. The JAC was concerned at what appeared to be a very high drop-out, or examination re-take rate, coupled with what appeared to be a reluctance on the part of the University to produce cohort figures.

The Committee agreed that this matter now be referred to the Education & Training Committee, through Lucinda Pilgrim. The

course required temporary re-accreditation in order to ensure present graduates were eligible for state registration.

Re-accreditation visit reports

10/02 City University (Item 6)

The Committee considered a report prepared by the Panel who visited City University on 21 and 22 March 2002, and noted that some amendments were required to the document before it was passed to City University to look at any corrections of fact, and to the Education & Training Committee for approval.

The secretary was asked to make the amendments, and re-circulate the report to the Panel members.

Future re-accreditation visits

11/02 Manchester Metropolitan University (Item 7)
BSc(Hons) Speech Pathology & Therapy
BSc(Hons) Psychology and Speech Pathology

The Committee suggested Panel members for the re-accreditation visit to Manchester Metropolitan University, and noted the dates proposed by the University, of 3 and 4 July 2002.

12/02 University of Sheffield (Item 8)
BMedSci(Hons)(Speech)

The Committee suggested Panel members for the re-accreditation visit to Sheffield, and noted the dates of 21 and 22 November were best dates for the Panel to use with the University.

13/02 University of Reading (Item 9)
Revisions to BSc(Hons) Linguistics & Speech Pathology

The Committee considered what action should be taken relating to the revisions to the undergraduate course at the University of Reading, and agreed to ask for documentation on the changes to be provided by the next meeting in September.

14/02 College of St Mark & St John (Item 10)
Multi-professional education for level 1,
BA(Hons) in Human Communication Studies

The Committee considered action to be taken relating to the revisions to the undergraduate course in the light of the Peninsula Collaboration initiative, and agreed to request full documentation on the changes to be available for their next meeting in September.

Similarly, the change from BA to BSc could be dealt with by post, and would not require any visit.

Accreditation/validation of new courses

15/02 University of East Anglia (Item 11)

The Committee noted that the University of East Anglia was proposing to introduce a speech and language therapy pre-registration course with effect from 1 October 2003, and that advertising for a course leader was to be placed in the national press very shortly.

The Committee discussed accreditation arrangements, and agreed that documentation for the course should be requested, at least so far as it had been prepared, to be view at the next meeting in September.

16/02 Joint Accreditation Committee: Panel Members (Item 12)

The Committee considered the list of possible Panel members, willing to act on behalf of the JAC, which has been submitted to the Health Professions Council, and requested that the names of Julia Robb and Jeanette Seaman should be added immediately. The Education & Workforce Development Board should be invited to put forward the names of additional managers for the list, which is given below:

James Law	Vickie Joffe
Anne Hesketh	Sue Franklin
Thomas Klee	Susan Edwards
Joy Stackhouse	Bill Wells
Shelagh Brumfitt	Rosemary Varley
Sian Munroe	Calum Delaney
Eryl Evans	Jane Maxim
Rosalind Gray	Aileen Patterson
Julie Nettleton	Jenny Ford
Alison Ross	Monica Bray
Martin Duckworth	Gaye Powell
Sandra Robertson	Anne French
Jois Stansfield	Catherine Mackenzie
Lesley Culling	Lorna Povey
Jacki Pearce	Chris Code
Daphne Waters	Elsbeth McCartney
Karen Bunning	Julia Robb
Jeanette Seaman	Fiona Gibbon

Managers are listed in bold.

17/02 Any other business (Item 13)

Education & Workforce Development Board

- (1) The Committee referred the matter of SLT student numbers and the needs of the national workforce for discussion at the Education & Workforce Development Board, particularly relating to the need for national planning.

Police Checks

- (2) Peter Burley referred to the NHS website regarding police checks, and also reported that Universities UK will consult on this matter shortly. Paul Turner, at the Council of Nursing Deans was also knowledgeable on the situation and it was suggested the secretary get in touch with him on this matter.

In discussion it was noted that the Criminal Records Bureau does not cover Scotland.

SLT Benchmark

- (3) The course Leader at the University of Strathclyde had drawn attention to the fact that the benchmark gave 105 weeks as the minimum period for an undergraduate degree, whereas at Strathclyde the period was 97 weeks. In discussion Peter Burley expressed his view that the benchmark was only that, not a rule, and therefore that there was no reason why there should not be variation from it.

18/02 Dates of meetings for the year (Item 14)

The Committee agreed that it was appropriate that each member had an alternate to attend in case the member was unable to do so. The Secretary would liaise with JAC members, the Chair of the RCSLT Education Board, and the HPC professional member to provide names of alternate members.

The next meeting will be held at

12.30 p.m. on Monday, 16 September 2002,

with a sandwich lunch served beforehand.

Circulation:

Dr Gaye Powell, JVC Chair

Ms Lesley Culling

Dr Susan Edwards

Mrs Aileen Patterson

Dr Peter Burley, HPC

Ms Lucinda Pilgrim, HPC

Dr Sue Franklin, RCSLT Chair, Education & Workforce Devt. Board

Mrs Sylvia Stirling, JAC Secretary

MEETING OF THE JOINT VALIDATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd APRIL 2002

PRESENT: Kathy Burgess (Chair for items 1-6)
Angela Duxbury
Rosemary Klem (from item 6.3.10)
Lorraine Nuttall
Julie O'Boyle
Audrey Paterson
Richard Price (Chair for items 7- 17)

IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Berrie
Ethna Glean
Mary Embleton

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Judith Hitchen and John Newton. It later transpired that apologies had also been received, prior to the meeting, from Charlotte Beardmore and Julia Henderson.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The JVC noted that Miss Margaret McClellan had resigned from the JVC and Ms Julie O'Boyle had been appointed as a Health Professions Council representative.

The Chair welcomed Julie O'Boyle to the Committee.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Margaret McClellan.

ACTION: CHAIR/SEC

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.1 The JVC noted that at the closing date for nominations for the post of Chair, one nomination, proposing and seconding Mr R Price had been received.

3.2 Richard Price was duly elected Chair to hold office until April 2003.

3.3 The JVC noted that at the closing date for nominations for the post of Vice-Chair, one nomination, proposing and seconding Mrs K Burgess had been received.

3.4 Kathy Burgess was duly elected Vice-Chair to hold office until April 2003.

3.5 It was agreed that Ethna Glean would convey a request to the professional body that Richard Price report to its Council.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2001 were approved subject to "pass" being deleted from 36.3. 8.1.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

5.1 Report of Chair's Action

The JVC received and approved Chair's action subsequent to the meeting of 26 April 2001.

5.2 Other Matters

There were no other matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

6. COURSE UPDATE

6.1 The course update document was noted.

6.2 General Matters for Consideration

6.2.1 *Link Persons*

It was noted that there were JVC Link Person vacancies for three HEIs. It was agreed that Audrey Paterson would be the link for University of Derby and Julie O'Boyle for St Martin's College and Cranfield University.

6.2.2 *Modernising Education*

Mary Embleton reported that she had recently attended several meetings concerning Modernising Education initiatives as the representative of the professional body. Those that will require JVC involvement are identified under the specific institution. The Secretary had attended a workshop organised by Lancashire and Cumbria Workforce Development Confederation to which representatives of various parties involved with several of the initiatives, professional bodies, the HPC and the Department of Health were invited. It was agreed that the report of the meeting be circulated to the Committee for information.

6.2.3 *Postgraduate Programmes*

The Secretary commented that following several recent postgraduate validations it would be beneficial to provide guidance for HEIs relating to the JVC's expectations of course proposals at this level. It was agreed that a working party, comprising Richard Price, Audrey Paterson and Kathy Burgess would draft a paper.

ACTION: RP, AP, KB, SEC

6.2.4 *Award Programmes*

6.2.4.1 Title of Postgraduate Awards

The JVC was concerned that in approving pre-registration postgraduate programmes the title of such awards needed to make it apparent it leads to licence to practice. It was agreed that all such awards should include (with eligibility for state registration) in the title.

6.2.4.2 Pass Degrees

It was drawn to the attention of the JVC that Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy only accept the honours degree and not the pass degree and the question of whether the JVC should also adopt this policy arose.

The JVC decided that with the QAA Qualifications Framework and other developments this was likely to happen and to leave the issue to evolve.

6.2.4.3 Modernising Education

The JVC discussed the issue of what might be the maximum acceptable time taken to complete a BSc in light of part-time programmes and opportunities for students to step-on and step-off. It was agreed that the currency on completion of the programme was important.

It was agreed that the working party referred to in minute 6.2.3 would consider issues relating to part-time courses and implications for the JVC Handbook.

6.3 There were a number of course specific matters to be noted.

6.3.1. CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (R)

6.3.1.1 The Committee noted that Christ Church University College had advised the Secretariat it is in negotiations with Darent Valley Hospital and South Bank University with a view to developing the Medical Imaging Department as a shared clinical placement. It was agreed that when received the documentation would be reviewed by the Link Person and Chair's action would be take on receipt of the Link Person's advice

6.3.2 CITY UNIVERSITY (London) (R&T)

6.3.2.1 The Committee noted that City University had submitted a proposal for approval of the Radiotherapy Department, Oldchurch Hospital (Barking, Havering and Redbrige Hospital NHS). Kathy Burgess, JVC representative at the validation in 1999 had reviewed the documentation and recommended to the JVC that the placement be approved.

The Committee agreed the following recommendation be forwarded to parent bodies:

THAT THE RADIO THERAPY DEPARTMENT, OLDCHURCH HOSPITAL (BARKING, HAVERING AND REDBRIDGE NHS TRUST) BE APPROVED AS A MAJOR CLINICAL PLACEMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BSc (Hons) RADIOGRAPHY (RADIO THERAPY) FOR PURPOSES OF STATE REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

6.3.2.2 The Committee received the report of the validation of the Postgraduate Diploma in Diagnostic Radiography at City University held on 10th January 2002. The Secretary report that confirmation had been received from both the JVC representatives that the conditions had been met. Rosemary Klem commented that the JVC might like to recommend approval for 3 years initially a report of progress 18 months after commencement of the first cohort particularly given the background in the Higher Education Qualifications Framework nationally. The JVC supported this suggestion.

The Committee agreed the following recommendation be forwarded to parent bodies:

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY (WITH ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE REGISTRATION) AND ASSOCIATED CLINICAL PLACEMENTS AT BLOOMFIELD HOSPITAL, MID ESSEX HOSPITALS NHS TRUST AND SOUTHBEND HOSPITAL BE APPROVED FOR PURPOSES OF STATE REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

6.3.3 GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY (R&T)

The Committee noted that Glasgow Caledonian University had advised the Secretariat that it will be submitting a proposal for an additional major diagnostic clinical placement using Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals and possibly an additional therapeutic placement. The Secretariat has advised the university as to the documentation required. It was agreed that when received the documentation would be reviewed by the Link Person and Chair's action would be take on receipt of the Link Person's advice.

6.3.4 KINGSTON UNIVERSITY/ ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL (R&T)

6.3.4.1 The Committee noted that Kingston University/St George's Hospital Medical School had advised the Secretariat that the University are planning to submit a proposal for the Radiology Department at West Middlesex Hospital to be approved as an addition major clinical placement in the Autumn. It was agreed that when received, the documentation would be reviewed by the Link Person who would advise the JVC at the next meeting as to whether a visit will be required.

6.3.4.2 Postgraduate Diploma in Radiation Oncology Practice

6.3.4.2.1 The JVC has asked that it is kept informed on a regular basis of the progress of the 2001 cohort of students. The Committee noted receipt of the second such report, which had been reviewed by the Chair, who had also met students at revalidation.

6.3.4.2.2 The Committee noted that the programme was being revalidated with South Bank University as the awarding body. (ref minute 6.3.8.3.1).

6.3.5 UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS (R&T)

6.3.5.1 The Committee noted that University of Leeds had advised the Secretariat that the University are planning to submit a proposal for the Radiology Department at Scarborough Hospital to be approved as an addition major clinical placement. It was agreed that when received the documentation would be reviewed by the Link Person and Chair's action would be take on receipt of the Link Person's advice.

6.3.6 OXFORD CENTRE FOR RADIOGRAPHIC STUDIES (RMCS Cranfield University) (R&T)

6.3.6.1 The Committee were informed that Kathy Burgess had been appointed to a Steering Group concerning the future of the undergraduate radiography programmes currently undertaken at Cranfield University. It further noted that Four Counties Workforce Development Confederation have informed the Chair that until a decision is made it is committed to supporting the programme at Cranfield and will provide support for the University for an intake of both Diagnostic and Therapy students in 2002 and associated staff. Kathy Burgess reported that the Steering Committee met in March and is due to meet again in June to consider the tender document.

Concern was expressed that a cohort of 3 students (the size of the 2001 intake of Radiotherapy students) did not provide a satisfactory student experience. Kathy Burgess informed the Committee that 12 places had been commissioned and agreed to enquire at the Steering Group meeting as to what is proposed if the numbers recruited is below an acceptable cohort size, drawing attention to the need for contingency plan.

Ethna Glean noted that the College should monitor the status of recruitment of Radiotherapy students to the 2002 intake.

6.3.7 QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE, EDINBURGH (R&T)

6.3.7.1 The Committee noted that additional information had been received by the JVC in response to the letter sent by the Chair, about concerns arising from the monitoring schedule, ref. 39.2 minutes of 6.12.01. Kathy Burgess and Angela Duxbury have been asked to review this for the JVC. Kathy Burgess commented that the response contained greater detail than the monitoring schedule and had satisfactorily clarified a number of issues. There was a rolling programme of developments as the 4 - year programme progressed in line with information given to the JVC in autumn 2000. The clinical tutor's post that was frozen has now been re-advertised.

It was agreed that Kathy Burgess would write to the University.

ACTION: KB

6.3.8. SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY (R&T)

6.3.8.1 The Committee noted that South Bank University had submitted a proposal for approval of the Department of Radiology, Oldchurch Hospital as a clinical placement. The Secretary reported that John Newton had reviewed the documentation and considered that the information provided conformed to JVC requirements and was consistent with arrangements with other sites used for this course. He therefore recommended approval for 4 students per cohort (8 at any one time).

The Committee agreed that the following recommendation be forwarded to parent bodies:

THAT THE RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OLDCHURCH HOSPITAL (BARKING, HAVERING AND REDBRIDGE NHS TRUST) BE APPROVED AS A MAJOR CLINICAL PLACEMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BSc (Hons) DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING (RADIOGRAPHY) PROGRAMME, SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF STATE REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

6.3.8.2 The Committee noted that South Bank University had advised the Secretariat that the University is planning to submit a proposal for the number of student placed at Whips Cross Hospital. It was agreed that when received the documentation would be reviewed by the Link Person and Chair's action would be take on receipt of the Link Person's advice

6.3.8.3 Postgraduate Diploma in Radiation Oncology Practice

6.3.8.3.1 Kathy Burgess presented a verbal report of the periodic review held of the Postgraduate Diploma in Radiation Oncology Practice held on 12th March 2002. She reported that overall the proposal was satisfactory however, there were some conditions. The report of the validation is to follow. JVC representatives had also visited the clinical placement at Maidstone on 10th April, where they were able to meet staff at a staff meeting. The representatives commented that while there was a well-structured programme for those on the PgD programme there was concern about support for assistant practitioners. It was noted that Privy Council approval will be required for both a change in title to Radiotherapy Practice and change of awarding body.

It was agreed that on receipt of the documentation Chair's action be taken to forward a recommendation to parent bodies.

6.3.8.4 The Secretary reported that she had attended the meeting of the South Bank University and Kings College Modernising Education Steering group on 10th April 2002. It was noted that the University was developing 4 year in service BSc Programmes in diagnostic radiography and radiotherapy, which it is looking to have validated in November 2002. Kathy Burgess agreed to be the JVC lead representative at the validation.

6.3.9 SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY (R&T)

Angela Duxbury left the meeting for this item

6.3.9.1 Kathy Burgess gave a verbal report of the revalidation event held on 18th April 2002 to consider proposed major modification of the BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy and Oncology to facilitate a part-time route and a proposed Postgraduate programme leading to eligibility for state registration. The JVC representatives met first and second students from a number of sites. They met clinical representatives from all the placement sites except Newcastle and found overwhelming support from the managers. A visit may be required to one or two of the clinical placement sites. The panel agreed that the fulltime undergraduate programme should be approved. The programme team had been asked to revisit and develop further the postgraduate and part-time route proposals. They were congratulated on their flexible approach to education provision.

It was noted that an institutional visit would required in 2004 when rebuilding, which is currently at the planning stage, is complete.

6.3.9.2 It was agreed that Chair's action be taken on the advice of JVC representatives following receipt of the Clinical Placement proforma in regard to the proposed increase in approved intake and additional clinical placements.

6.3.10. ST MARTIN'S COLLEGE (Lancaster) (R)

6.3.10.1 As noted at the September 2001 meeting St Martin's College has informed the Secretariat that it is developing a 2 year accelerated programme in Diagnostic Radiography and that Audrey Paterson and Noelle Skivington have agreed to represent the JVC at the validation event. The Committee noted that the University have apologised for not notifying the JVC of the deferment of the original validation event and that further information regarding dates and times will be forwarded as soon as they are available.

6.3.10.2 The Committee noted that St Martins College had submitted a proposal for approval of the X-ray Department, North Tyneside District General Hospital as a clinical placement. The Secretary reported that Margaret McClellan had reviewed the documentation and recommended approval and suggested that the JVC request an evaluation after 1 year and a clinical placement visit at the next quinquennial review evaluation.

The Committee agreed that the following recommendation be forwarded to parent bodies:

THAT THE RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT X-RAY DEPARTMENT, NORTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL BE APPROVED AS A MAJOR CLINICAL PLACEMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BSc (Hons) DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAMME, ST MARTIN'S COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF STATE REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

6.3.11. UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD (R)

6.3.11.1 The Committee received the report of the periodic review of the BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography held on 22nd November 2001. The Secretary reported that John Newton had confirmed that the conditions of the validation had been met.

It was agreed that the following recommendation be forwarded to parent bodies:

THAT THE BSc (Hons) DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD AND ASSOCIATED CLINICAL PLACEMENTS CONTINUE TO BE APPROVED FOR THE PURPOSES OF STATE REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

6.3.11.2 The Committee noted that the University of Salford had advised the Secretariat of the relocation of clinical placements at Bury and Fairfield Hospital to a new site at Fairfield Hospital, Bury Health Care Trust, and Withington and Wythenshawe Hospital, to South Manchester Health Care Trust. It was agreed that when received the documentation would be reviewed by the Link Person and Chair's action would be take on receipt of the Link Person's advice.

6.3.11.3 The Secretary reported that she was due attending a meeting at University of Salford on 25th April to discuss validation of proposals under the modernising education agenda. The University was developing a BSc programme for several health care professions with a generic first year which student could exit with a Cert HE; a discipline specific second year with elements of shared learning which students could exit with a foundation degree and be eligible for employment as an assistant practitioner and the final 15 months leading to the BSc and eligibility for state registration. They were proposing to hold a process validation. John Newton had agreed to be the JVC lead representative.

6.3.12 SUFFOLK COLLEGE (Ipswich) (R&T)

6.3.12.1 The Committee noted that Suffolk College wish to make substantial changes to the Radiography programmes and are therefore holding a revalidation event on 22nd May 2002. John Newton and Irene McIntyre to attend.

6.3.13 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ENGLAND IN BIRMINGHAM (West Midlands School of Radiography) (R&T)

6.3.13.1 The Committee noted that Privy Council had approved of a change in title of the therapeutic radiography degree to BSc (Hons and Pass) Radiotherapy.

6.3.13.2 The Committee noted that University of Central England had advised the Secretariat that it wishes to submit a proposal which address the way it manages the loss of Burton as a clinical placement and also takes into account the development of other clinical placement to meet the demands of commissioned numbers for the coming academic year. It was agreed that when received the documentation would be reviewed by the Link Person and Chair's action would be take on receipt of the Link Person's advice.

6.3.14 UNIVERSITY OF DERBY (R&T)

6.3.14.1 The Committee noted that the University had submitted documentation concerning several initiatives on which it was seeking JVC advice and approval where required. It was agreed that the documentation would be reviewed by the Link Person and Chair's action would be take on receipt of the Link Person's advice.

6.3.15 UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE (R&T)

Richard Price and Lorraine Nuttall left the room for this item.

6.3.15.1 Angela Duxbury reported on the periodic review of the BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic and Therapeutic) held on 11th April 2002. Madge Heath, who stood in for Derek Adrian –Harris, and Irvin Gray had drafted a report of the Diagnostic clinical placement visits. She reported that the event had been satisfactory. The University required minimal module descriptors, however at the request of the JVC representatives more details had been supplied. It was proposed to increase Diagnostic student numbers to 68 and recommend 2 separate degree titles. There was concern expressed at the low number of permanent staff and high proportion of agency staff at the Radiotherapy clinical placement departments and the implications for students. Therefore, it was a requirement of the revalidation that SSR of 1:12 be maintained to facilitate academic input into clinical education. There were no substantive changes.

The Committee (including Richard Price and Lorraine Nuttall to ensure the meeting was quorate) agreed that on receipt of the documentation Vice-Chair's action be taken to forward a recommendation to parent bodies.

6.3.16 UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL (R&T)

6.3.16.1 The Secretary reported that a letter had been received asking for the name of a professional body representative to attend a preparatory planning meeting for the multi-professional revalidation. It was considered appropriate that the JVC Secretary should attend.

6.3.17 UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH (R&T)

6.3.17.1 As noted at the meeting of 26 April 2001 the University of Portsmouth is planning a collaborative venture with the University of Southampton for implementation of a "new generation programme". The Secretary attended a meeting of Project Regulator group on 9th April 2002. She reported that the meeting had discussed the identification of common and developing a unified approach to learning support roles placement learning audit. The validation process is going to be an agenda item for the next meeting to be held on 5th September 2002. She had raised the issue of involvement of JVC representatives and was told she was welcome to copy information about the Regulators Group and they could attend the next meeting if they so wished.

6.3.18 UNIVERSITY OF TEESSIDE (R)

- 6.3.18.1 The Committee received the report of the multi-professional periodic review including the BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography held on 5th & 6th March 2002, including the report of the institutional visit and clinical placement visits. Richard Price spoke to the report commenting that when he visited the University a year ago the Radiography team were going through a difficult period. Since then a new team been developed and were working well together and with the clinical placements.

The Committee agreed that the following recommendations for approval subject to the conditions being met be forwarded to parent bodies:

THAT THE BSc (Hons) DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF TEESSIDE AND ASSOCIATED CLINICAL PLACEMENTS CONTINUE TO BE APPROVED FOR THE PURPOSES OF STATE REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

THAT THE CENTURIA BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF TEESSIDE, BE APPROVED AS AN INSTITUTION FOR THE PROVISION OF RADIOGRAPHY EDUCATION

THAT THE RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENTS QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL GATESHEAD, BISHOP AUCKLAND HOSPITAL AND FRIAGE HOSPITAL NORTHALLERTON BE APPROVED AS A MAJOR CLINICAL PLACEMENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BSc (Hons) DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAMME, UNIVERSITY OF TEESSIDE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF STATE REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

- 6.3.18.2 Richard Price gave a verbal report of the multi-professional validation event of the pre-registration masters programme in Diagnostic Radiography, held on 20th March 2002. He commented that that the development of the programme was ready for the representatives to recommend approval. The university were undertaking further work and the representatives would report to the next meeting of the JVC.

6.3.19 UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND (Bristol) (R&T)

- 6.3.19.1 As noted at the September 2001 meeting the University submitted a proposal for an increase in JVC approved annual intake and approval of three additional major diagnostic clinical placements at Taunton, Yeovil and Weston- Super-Mare. Rosemary Klem, JVC Link Person and Kathy Burgess are liaising on a response in the light of further clarification.

Kathy Burgess handed over the Chair to Richard Price, who thanked her for all her hard work as JVC Chair.

7. REGISTER OF VALIDATORS

- 7.1 The Committee received recommendations from the working party and agreed that Irvin Gray, Russell Hart and Denise Veasey be added to the Register of Validators.

8. WORKSHOP FOR VALIDATORS

- 8.1 The Committee received the report of the JVC workshop for validators held on 24th January 2002. It was agreed that the report should be circulated to validators and parent bodies.
- 8.2 The Committee received the summary of the evaluation of the workshop for validators held on 24th January 2002. It was agreed that the summary of the evaluation be forwarded to parent bodies.
- 8.3 The JVC usually holds workshops for validators every 18 months. The Committee agreed that it will need to hold the next workshop in May/June 2003. This would enable validators to be briefed on new systems under the HPC and the evaluation of Modernising Education initiatives. It was agreed that this be drawn to the attention of parent bodies.

- 8.4 There was discussion about wider dissemination and it was agreed to produce a JVC newsletter to keep HEIs informed of issues on the JVC agenda. Mr Berrie suggested liaising with Chris Middleton, Communications Officer at the Health Professions Council.

9. MONITORING SCHEDULE

- 9.1.1 The Committee received the draft report to education centres on the monitoring schedule returns in relation to the 2000/2001 academic year. The Committee commented on the improvement in the reports produced over the past two years and thanked those involved in producing the report.

It was agreed that subject to one sentence being deleted the report be approved and circulated to parent bodies and education centres.

- 9.1.2 It was agreed that the confidential institution specific reports be prepared, approved by the Chair and Vice-Chair and circulated to parent bodies.

- 9.2 The JVC noted that three reports from JVC Link Persons were still outstanding.

- 9.3 The JVC agreed that the monitoring schedule be circulated for the 2001/2002 process. The JVC approved minor modifications to the student registration and retention forms.

- 9.4 The JVC agreed that the monitoring schedules for the 2001/2002 academic year were to be completed and returned to the Secretariat by 31 July 2002.

- 9.5 The JVC agreed to ask if the return date for student retention forms could be put forward to 30th September as it was the late return of these forms which had delayed production of the monitoring schedule report.

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JVC

The Committee received the draft Annual Report of the JVC for the 2000/2001 constitutional year and agreed that, subject to minor amendments, it be forwarded to parent bodies and Education Centres.

The Committee thanked those who had prepared the report.

11. DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

The Committee received and subject to one minor amendment approved the paper drafted by the working party which was thanked for its work. The JVC agreed that it be forwarded to parent bodies for note and circulated to validators and workforce development confederations indicating it was a further development from 'Meeting the Challenge – The JVC Response'.

12. FORMATION OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

- 12.1 Mr Berrie reported that the HPC is evolving all the time. The Education and Training Committee (ETC) took up its responsibilities with immediate effect. Peter Burley is Director of Education and Professor Diane Waller Chair of the Education and Training Committee. For the interim the HPC would be operating under the old PSM Act powers as appropriate.

There was a need to discuss how to proceed.

It was agreed that the Chair and Secretary needed to meet with Peter Burley as soon as possible to discuss immediate practicalities.

The JVC wished to influence the development of the HPC consultation document and respond to the consultation process.

It was agreed that a day should be arranged for the JVC to discuss the issues with representatives of the parent bodies prior to the ETC meeting on 22nd May 2002.

12.2 Angela Duxbury informed the meeting that she had made individual representation to Professor Norma Brook about Radiotherapy being given consideration as a separate profession.

13. EDUCATIONALISTS FORUM OF CPSM

The JVC received the report of the meeting of the Educationalists Forum held on 13 February 2002. The Committee were reassured to note that it was agreed that the representatives invited to the CPSM's Educationalists Forum should meet with the ETC at least once every three months.

14. QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY

The Committee noted the QAA list of 'Latest Items – Publications and Papers'.

15. ITEMS REFERRED FROM PARENT BODIES

Ethna Glean circulated for information an advance copy of the document 'A Strategy for the Education and Professional Development of Radiographers'.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The JVC Secretary reported that with Kathy Burgess as JVC Chair she had attended a meeting of JVC Chairs, Secretaries and representatives of the Education Committee of the CPSM Boards that do not have JVCs. The report of the proceedings of the meeting was circulated for information.

17. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

17.1 The JVC agreed the date of the next meeting as **Monday 16th September 2002.**

17.2 The Committee agreed the provisional dates for following meeting as **Monday 2nd December 2002.**

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm.