

Education and Training Committee – 8 September 2011

Practitioner psychologists - List of approved programmes (current and historic)

Introduction

At the meeting of the Committee on 11 June 2009, the Committee agreed the list of currently approved practitioner psychologist programmes as well as the list of programmes which were approved historically for specific periods. These recommended lists were based on accreditation information received from the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Following this date the Education Department received further information which resulted in minor changes to the list of currently approved programmes and provided greater clarification for the list of programmes which were approved historically. At the meetings of Committee outlined in Background Information, Committee agreed amended programme lists.

This paper is a follow up to the paper of the 9 June 2011 Committee to address further changes that the Department has received to the lists of current and historically approved programmes. The Committee is now asked to agree the amendments listed in Appendix 1 and 2 as final.

Background information

Article 15(8) of the Health Professions Order provides that:

- “(8) The Council shall maintain and publish a list of the courses of education and training, qualifications and institutions –
- (a) which are for the time being approved under this Order: or
 - (b) which have been approved under this Order but which are no longer approved, together with a record of the periods in respect of which they were approved.”

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 5 of the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 provides that:

“(1) The HPC and the BPS, and the HPC and the AEP, shall enter into arrangements (which may include financial arrangements) to facilitate the introduction of the new arrangements for the statutory regulation of practitioner psychologists arising out of this Order

“(2) The arrangements entered into under paragraph (1) shall include arrangements to ensure that all the names in the BPS register and the AEP register which are to be entered in the HPC register with effect from the appointed day for practitioner psychologists are so entered.”

In turn, schedule 2(16) of the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 outlines amendments to schedule 3 of the Health Professions Order 2001. The amendment of schedule 3 refers to the following definitions;

““AEP register” means the aggregate of the entries in the membership list maintained by the Association of Educational Psychologists (which held its inaugural meeting at the London School of Economics on 14th April 1962 and was founded on that date(49)) that relate to full members of the Association;”

““BPS register” means the aggregate of the entries in the register maintained by the British Psychological Society (which was incorporated by Royal Charter on 26th February 1965(50)) that relate to holders of practising certificates who are full members of one or more of the divisions of the Society in respect of the following branches of psychology: clinical psychology; counselling psychology; educational psychology; forensic psychology; health psychology; occupational psychology; and sport and exercise psychology;”

It is therefore necessary for the Committee to maintain and publish lists of approved programmes for practitioner psychologists.

List of approved programmes

At its meeting of 11 June 2009, the Committee agreed the list of currently approved programmes subject to receiving final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing. This list was published on the website, with the relevant caveats, ahead of the Register opening to provide education providers with clear and effective information about whether their programme would be approved by the HPC or not.

As of the 1 July 2009, these programmes were granted open ended approval and the online list of approved programmes was changed to adopt the same format as the other thirteen professions that the HPC regulated at the time the Practitioner psychologists came on to the register. This list was presented to Committee on 9 June 2011 with minor amendments.

Since the Education and Training Committee on 9 June 2011 the Education Department has received amendments from the BPS in relation to the approved programmes or at approval visits undertaken by the Education Department that have indicated that there have been changes to the approval dates of currently approved programmes. Appendix 1 contains the final recommended list of approved programmes. For ease of reference the reason that the changes have been made are noted in the final column of the table in Appendix 1.

List of historically approved programmes

At its meeting of 11 June 2009, the Committee also agreed to approve individual programmes and ‘combination routes’ for historical periods, subject to receiving final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing. These decisions became effective from 1 July 2009 and the lists have been published on the website. Following the receipt of final data from the BPS which provided the Department with greater clarification and allowed the individual programmes and ‘combination

routes' to be recorded as one list of historically approved programmes the amended list was presented to Committee on 9 June 2011.

Since the 9 June 2011 Committee, there have been further minor amendments to the list of historically approved programmes following discussions and additional evidence supplied by the BPS. Appendix 2 contains the final recommended list of historically approved programmes. For ease of reference the reason that the changes have been made are noted in the final column of the table in Appendix 2.

Decision

The Committee is therefore asked to agree the following:

- To accept the amendments to the currently approved programmes outlined in Appendix 1.
- To accept the amendments to the historically approved programmes outlined in Appendix 2.

Background information

- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (11 June 2009).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (22 September 2009).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (25 November 2009).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (10 March 2010).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (8 June 2010).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (16 September 2010).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (18 November 2010).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (10 March 2011).
- Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (9 June 2011).

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Amendments to list of currently approved programmes

Appendix 2 – Amendments to list of historically approved programmes

Date of paper

25 August 2011

Appendix 1 – Amendments to list of currently approved programmes

Part of the register: Practitioner psychologists				
Protected Title	Education provider	Programme Title	Mode	Change
Counselling psychologist	University of Surrey	Practitioner Doctorate in Psychotherapeutic and Counselling Psychology (PsychD)	Full time	Change in title from PsychD Psychotherapeutic and Counselling Psychology (PsychD) to Practitioner Doctorate in Psychotherapeutic and Counselling Psychology (PsychD)
Counselling psychologist	Glasgow Caledonian University & University of Strathclyde	D.Psych in Counselling Psychology	Full time and Part time	Change of title from Doctorate in Counselling Psychology to D.Psych in Counselling Psychology. The education provider has informed the HPC that there has always been a Part time route which has run alongside the Full time route.

Date	Ver.	Dept/Cmte	Doc Type	Title	Status	Int. Aud.
2011-07-11	c	EDU	APV	Appendix 1 - list of currently approved programmes 8 September 2011	Final DD: None	Public RD: None

Appendix 2 – Amendments to list of historically approved programmes

COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Part of Diploma of Counselling Psychology	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Detail of programme amendments post Education and Training Committee June 2011
City University	Full time	N/A	Post MSc Dip in Practice of Counselling Psychology	City University	1995	2009	Certificate for the award from the education provider	New programme added in to programme list. Programme added in due to further information from BPS.
University of Wolverhampton	Full time	Part 1 plus Comp. 10 of Part 2	MSc in Counselling Psychology	University of Wolverhampton	1996	2007	Certificate for the award from education provider and Certification for an award conferring Part 2 or Certificate for the award from education provider and Certification for an award conferring Part 2 minus Comp. 10 or Certificate for the award from education provider and Letter from education provider confirming applicant successfully completed practice element (Year Three Modules)	Further information received from BPS regarding another form of evidence that could be provided by applicants to support application. Evidence option (letter from education provider regarding Year Three Practice Modules) added to list.
University of Wolverhampton	Full time	Part 2 minus Comp. 10	Counselling Psychology (Year Three Modules)	University of Wolverhampton	1996	2007	Letter from education provider confirming applicant successfully completed practice element (Year Three Modules) and Certification for an award conferring Part 1 plus Comp. 10	Further information received from BPS regarding evidence that could be provided by applicants to support application. Evidence of letter from education provider regarding Year Three Practice Modules replaces certificate for the award. Programme title amended to remove MSc from the title.

Appendix 2 – Amendments to list of historically approved programmes

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGISTS

Education Provider	Mode of Study	Title of Programme	Validating Institution	Date of Commencement for First Cohort	Date of Commencement for Final Cohort	Evidence required to support application	Amended post-June 2011 ETC
University of Birmingham	Full time	MSc Criminological Psychology	University of Birmingham	1996	1996	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 2 years supervised practice and evidence of successfully completing the modules Psychology, Law and Criminal Justice, and Psychology and the Courtroom	Change of title, date of commencement of final cohort and evidence required following information from BPS
University of Birmingham	Full time	MSc Criminological Psychology	University of Birmingham	1997	1997	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 2 years supervised practice and evidence of successfully completing the module Psychology, Law and Criminal Justice	New programme following information from BPS. Linked in with change to programme above
University of Birmingham	Full time	MSc Criminological Psychology	University of Birmingham	1998	2001	Certificate for the award from education provider and References for 2 years supervised practice	New programme following information from BPS. Linked in with change to programme above