

Education and Training Committee

Minutes of the 86th meeting of the Education and Training Committee held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 22 May 2019

Time: 2pm

Venue: Room K, Health and Care Professions Council, Park House,
184 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BU

Members: Maureen Drake
Penny Joyce
Sonya Lam
Stephen Wordsworth (Chair)

In attendance:

Claire Amor, Secretary to the Committee
John Archibald, Education Officer
Brendon Edmonds, Head of Education (items 7-10)
Samita Kirve, University of Bedfordshire (item 6)
Rabie Sultan, Education Officer
Amanda Willetts, University of Bedfordshire (item 6)

Public Agenda

Item 1 - Chairs welcome and introduction

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Committee and Executive to the meeting.

Item 2 - Apologies for absence

2.1 Apologies were received from Luke Jenkinson.

Item 3 - Approval of agenda

3.1 The Committee approved the agenda.

Item 4 - Declaration of members' interests

4.1 Members had no interests to declare.

Item 5 - Minutes of the meeting of 7 March 2019 (ETC 09/19)

5.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the 85th meeting of the Education and Training Committee.

Items for discussion/approval

Item 6 - Approval process visitors' recommendation – University of Bedfordshire – BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy and BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy (ETC 10/19)

6.1 The Committee received a paper from the Executive.

6.2 The Committee noted the following points:-

- as the education provider has had two attempts to meet the conditions, the visitors can only recommend approval or non-approval at the final stage of the approval process. The visitors have therefore recommended non approval. The Committee is required to direct any further action should non-approval be considered inappropriate; and
- the provider has provided observations on the report, However, the executive has opted to not provide the additional evidence provided with these, as they constitute further evidence in relation to how conditions are met, rather than observations on the visitors' recommendation.

6.3 The Committee noted that the visitors had not been provided with the additional information submitted by the provider.

6.4 The provider was invited to address to the Committee. The provider stated that they remained confident that the programme was of the quality required to

meet the HCPC standards of education and training, and that they would welcome another visit to confirm this.

- 6.5 The provider confirmed that students were signed on to begin the programme in October 2019.
- 6.6 The Committee agreed that the HCPC should revisit the programme to assess if the evidence satisfied the conditions for approval. The additional information submitted by the provider would be provided to the visitors in advance of the visit, along with any further information the education provider submits as part of their pre-visit submission. The visit would focus on the outstanding conditions.
- 6.7 Visit timing was discussed, the provider stated that their preference was for the visit to take place as soon as possible. The Executive agreed to liaise with the provider to find suitable dates and will seek to secure the same set of visitors to undertake the additional assessment.

Item 7 – Any other business

- 7.1 A member raised the area of advanced practice as needing consideration by the Committee, as it continues to develop. It was agreed that the HCPC should agree a policy regarding advanced practice.
- 7.2 The Committee requested that a paper be brought to a future meeting, discussing the area of advanced practice. It was noted that this could take a workshop format.

Item 8 – Date and time of next meeting

- 8.1 10.30am – 5 June 2019 at Park House, SE11 4BU

Chair Stephen Wordsworth

Date 05.06.2019