

Education and Training Panel – 4 December 2020

Section 3d - Request to approve programme Enhanced Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals, part time, University of Sunderland

Executive summary

In April 2020, the Education Department visited the University of Sunderland, Non-medical prescribing (Independent and Supplementary prescribing V300), part time programme. This level 6 programme was approved by the Education and Training Panel in July 2020.

During the roll out of the annual monitoring process for the 2020/21 academic year, the education provider informed the Education Department that the title for the level 6 programme was incorrect and their level 7 programme did not appear on our records. The education provider asked the department to update our records as follows:

- Prescribing for Health Professionals – this is the revised title for the level 6 programme
- Enhanced Prescribing for Health Professionals

While investigating this, it became apparent that documentary evidence was submitted for the visit about both programmes and that the visitors reviewed this evidence. It is also clear that during the post visit process, the education provider provided clarity about the title of both programmes and outlined that the level 7 programme was not contained within the visitors' report. The level 6 programme was approved by Panel on 8 July 2020. From subsequent discussions with the education provider, and a review of the evidence submitted during the approval process, it is clear the visitors' report should have contained details of both programmes.

The first intake of both programmes has been delayed and the education provider has confirmed that neither programme has recruited learners as of yet.

We have therefore taken the level 6 programme through the relevant departmental process to reflect the correct title. However, as the level 7 programme was not originally approved, we are correcting this administrative error by asking the Panel to now consider it for approval at this meeting.

Accordingly, the programme is listed for further consideration as item 6 under section 3d of the agenda. Should the programme be approved, the relevant visitors' report will be updated for completeness and placed on the education provider's website record.