Health Professions Council

Visitors' report

Name of education provider	Anglia Ruskin University
Name and titles of programme(s)	Non-Medical Prescribing for Nurses and Allied Health Professionals
Mode of Delivery (FT/PT)	Part-time
Date of Visit	12 April 2007
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2007
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Gordon Burrow (Podiatrist) Mark Woolcock (Paramedic
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Mandy Hargood Tracey Samuel-Smith (Observing)
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Jenny Gilbert (Chair) Sara Elliott (Secretary) David Bird (NMC) Jonathan Knowles (ARU) Dennis Wheeler (ARU) Sandra Burley (University of Hull)

Scope of visit *(please tick)*

New programme	
Major change to existing programme	X
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	

Confirmation of meetings held

	Yes	No	N/A
Senior personnel of provider with responsibility for resources for the programme	X	☐	☐
Programme team	X	☐	☐
Placements providers and educators	X	☐	☐
Students (current or past as appropriate)	X	☐	☐

Confirmation of facilities inspected

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

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	40 x 2 Cohorts approx

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

CONDITIONS

SET 2 *Programme admissions*

The admission procedures must:

2.2.3 compliance with any health requirements; and

Condition: The admissions procedure must include a clear criteria for students in regard to the health requirements needed for admission to the programme.

Reason: Currently the criteria is not clear for health checks prior to admission to the programme. It should be redrafted to reflect the need for students to declare a clear health record.

SET 3. *Programme management and resource standards*

3.4 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

Condition: There must evidence of Allied Health Professional (AHP) staff involvement in the management committee for the module.

Reason: Currently the documentation provided to the visitors does not indicate that there is any AHP involvement with the programme, however during the discussions it became apparent that there was AHP input to the programme and this must therefore be clearly indicated in the Programme documentation.

3.4 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

 3.5 Subject areas must be taught by staff with relevant specialist expertise and knowledge.

Condition: The HPC must receive clear student cohort numbers for the programme.

Reason: It was noted during the discussions at the visit that the numbers for each student cohort taking the programme was not clear. HPC requires a clear student cohort number to ensure that there are sufficient resources in place to support the students whilst on the programme.

Deadline for conditions to be met: 31 May 2007
Expected date visitors' report submitted to Panel for approval: 31 May 2007
Expected date programme submitted to Panel for approval: 5 July 2007

RECOMMENDATION

SET 3. Programme management and resource standards

3.12 The resources provided, both on and off site, must adequately support the required learning and teaching activities of the programme.

3.13 The learning resources, including the stock of periodicals and subject books, and IT facilities, including internet access, must be appropriate to the curriculum and must be readily available to students and staff.

Recommendation: The WEBCt and the Library resources should be inclusive for AHPs and of contemporary currency.

Reason: During the resources tour and IT presentation it became apparent that the WEBCt and the books and periodicals had limited relevance for AHPs. If student AHP numbers are to increase there should be adequate resources to support this increase.

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:

Mark Woolcock

Gordon Pollard

Date: 16 April 2007