Health Professions Council

Visitors' report

Name of education provider	York St John University
Name and titles of programme(s)	BHSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Mode of delivery (FT/PT)	Full time and Flexible
Date of visit	15 and 16 November 2007
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2008
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Dr Joanna Jackson (Physiotherapist) Professor Valerie Maehle (Physiotherapist)
HPC executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Mandy Hargood
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Stuart Billingham (Chair), York St John University Anthony Hayward(Secretary), York St John University Karen Harrison Chartered Society of Physiotherapist Representative Nina Thomson Chartered Society of Physiotherapist Education Manager Dr Mike Calvert University panel member, York St John University Professor Judy Giles University Panel member, York St John University Jackie Mathers University panel member, York St John University

Scope of visit *(please tick)*

New programme	**x**
Major change to existing programme	**X**
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	☐
New Profession	☐

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 **The new programme was an additional to the full time programme**	X	☐	☐
2 **This visit took place as a result of York St John receiving degree awarding powers and the University's decision to review the programme**	X	☐	☐
3	☐	☐	☐

Proposed student cohort intake number please state	**40**

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

CONDITIONS

 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: The education provider must provide a list of names of all staff in the programme team to include whole time equivalents and the roles the staff have on the programme.

Reason: From the documentation that was provided it was unclear as to the roles staff were undertaking on the BHSc (Hons) Physiotherapy programme and any other commitments they had beyond the programme.

SET 4. *Curriculum Standards/* SET 6. *Assessment standards*

4.1 The learning outcomes must ensure that those who successfully complete the programme meet the standards of proficiency for their part of the Register.

6.1 The assessment design and procedures must assure that the student can demonstrate fitness to practise

6.2 Assessment methods must be employed that measure the learning outcomes and skills that are required to practise safely and effectively.

Condition: The education provider must provide further evidence that the assessment methods utilised will demonstrate the achievement of the learning outcomes of the programmes.

Reason: The information provided by the education provider was not sufficiently clear to confirm to the visitors that all the learning outcomes would be achieved on completion of the programme.

6.1 The assessment design and procedures must assure that the student can demonstrate fitness to practise.

Condition: The education provider must redraft and resubmit the module descriptors to reflect the HPC Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics.

Reason: The documentation provided by the education provider reflected the standards of the professional body, but made no reference to the HPC standards.

Deadline for conditions to be met: 17 December 2007
Expected date visitors' report submitted to Panel for approval: 4 February 2008
Expected date programme submitted to Panel for approval: 4 February 2008

RECOMMENDATIONS

SET 4. *Curriculum Standards*

4.1 The learning outcomes must ensure that those who successfully complete the programme meet the standards of proficiency for their part of the Register.

Recommendation: The education provider should monitor the process by which they propose to assure themselves that the students have reached the correct IELTS score at level 7 on graduation.

Reason: Although the education provider has a system in place to ensure that the students are at IELTS level 7 on graduation they do not have a monitoring system in place to assure themselves that this is the standard that all students have attained on graduation.

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:

Joanna Jackson

Valerie Maehle

Date: 20 November 2007