

THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the third meeting of the Approvals Panel held on **Thursday 2 March 2006** at Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BU.

PRESENT: Ms G Pearson (Chairman)
Miss E Thornton
Mrs A Turner

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr C Bendall, Secretary to the Panel
Ms A Creighton, Education Manager
Mr G Ross-Sampson, Director of Operations

Item 1.06/16 APPOINTMENT OF PANEL CHAIRMAN

- 1.1 The Panel agreed that Ms Pearson should act as Chairman for the meeting.

Item 2.06/17 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2.1 The Panel approved the agenda.

Item 3.06/18 MINUTES OF THE APPROVALS PANEL HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2006

- 3.1 It was agreed that the minutes of the second meeting of the Approvals Panel should be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Item 4.06/19 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 The Panel noted that the action points arising from the second meeting of the Panel had been dealt with.

Item 5.06/20 GUIDANCE FOR THE APPROVALS PANEL

- 5.1 The Panel received a paper to note from the Executive.

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- 5.2 The Panel noted the guidance in the paper setting out options which could be considered by the Panel following the receipt of the Visitors' Report and any observations by the education provider.

Item 6.06/21 PROGRAMMES FOR APPROVAL

- 6.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 6.2 The Panel agreed that the following programme should be approved upon recommendation from the HPC Visitors in attendance at the event:-

Education Provider	Programme Name	Mode of Delivery
University of Bolton	Non-Medical Prescribing	Full time/Part time

Action: AC (by 6 April 2006)

- 6.3 The Panel noted that the library learning centre and specialist teaching accommodation had not been inspected by the Visitors and noted that the latter would not be applicable in a Non-Medical Prescribing programme.
- 6.4 The Panel agreed that, as more Visitors' reports were completed, this would inform the approvals process and ensure that conditions were appropriate and consistent.

Item 7.06/22 REPORT OF MINOR AMENDMENTS

- 7.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 7.2 The Panel approved the following as minor changes in line with recommendations from the HPC Executive or Visitors:-

Education Provider	Programme	Summary
Aston University - Matthew Boulton College	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Introduction of new clinical facilities on a new site
University of Central England	BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy	Introduction of two new modules and changes to the teaching, learning and assessment methods of a number of existing modules

University of East Anglia	BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy	Introduction of two new modules
York St John College	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Increase in student cohort

Action: AC (by 6 April 2006)

Item 8.06/23 VISITORS' REPORTS

- 8.1 The Panel received a paper to note from the Executive.
- 8.2 The Panel noted the Visitors' Report for the following programme which was in the process of meeting conditions set by the HPC:-

Education Provider	Programme Name	Mode of Delivery
University of West of England	MA Music Therapy	Part time

- 8.3 The Panel noted that the Report indicated that the deadline for conditions to be met was 16 December 2005 and the proposed date for the programme to commence was 22 January 2006. The Panel agreed that the Executive should confirm the situation.

Action: AC (by 6 April 2006)

- 8.4 The Panel noted that, on occasion, education providers decided to commence programmes prior to approval being given by the HPC and some members felt that this was inappropriate. The Panel noted that the HPC had the option to not approve a programme although such a decision would have to be justified.

Item 9.06/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 There was no other business.

Item 10.06/25 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 The next meeting would be held on Thursday 6th April 2006.

Subsequent meetings:-
 Wednesday 17th May 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)

Thursday 8th June 2006

Tuesday 4th July 2006

Thursday 3rd August 2006

Tuesday 5th September 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)

Tuesday 10th October 2006

Thursday 2nd November 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)

Wednesday 13th December 2006

CHAIRMAN

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