

## **The Health Professions Council**

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Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Education and Training Panel held on **Thursday 25 October 2007** at Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11 4BU.

**Present:** Professor J Lucas (Chairman)  
Ms H Davis  
Ms C Farrell  
Professor C Lloyd

### **In attendance:**

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

### **Item 1.07/118 Appointment of Panel Chairman**

- 1.1 The Panel agreed that Professor Lucas should act as Chairman for the meeting.

### **Item 2.07/119 Apologies for absence**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mrs B Stuart.

### **Item 3.07/120 Approval of agenda**

- 3.1 The Panel approved the agenda.

### **Item 4.07/121 Minutes of the Education and Training Panel held on 27 September 2007**

- 4.1 It was agreed that the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Education and Training Panel should be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Item 5.07/122 Matters arising**

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

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- 5.2 The Panel noted that the Executive had notified education providers of all the decisions made at the previous Panel meeting.
- 5.3 The Panel noted that there was an outstanding action in paragraph 5.2 of the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September (the Executive would prepare a paper for the Education and Training Committee on the effect of age discrimination legislation on education programmes and any age requirements imposed by other healthcare regulators). The Panel noted that programme literature produced by some education providers stated a minimum age limit for students. The Panel noted that it was possible that any guidance by HPC on this issue might be included in the redrafted guidance on the Standards of Education and Training (SETs) or as a separate piece of guidance.

**Action: RT (by 4 December 2007)**

**Item 6.07/123 Programme approval**

- 6.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 6.2 The Panel noted that there had been a follow-up visit to the Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science programme at the University of Teesside, due to the nature and scope of the conditions in the Visitors' report. The Visitors had now confirmed that the conditions had been met.
- 6.3 The Panel agreed that the following programmes should be approved, as the Visitors were satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' reports had been met and the programmes therefore met the SETs:

Education provider	Programme name	Delivery mode
Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre	MA in Music Therapy (Community Music Therapy/Nordoff-Robbins)	Part time
University of Teesside	Foundation Degree Paramedic Science	Full time
University of West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science (Clinical)	Block Release

**Action: AC (by 14 November 2007)**

### Item 7.07/124 Annual monitoring audits for approval

- 7.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 7.2 The Panel noted that, as part of the monitoring of programmes, education providers in group A were expected to complete an audit form and submit it with their internal quality reports and external examiners' reports from the last two academic years. Several annual monitoring assessment days had been held for Visitors to consider submissions. The Panel noted that annual monitoring submissions from five other programmes were due to be considered at the next Panel meeting.
- 7.3 The Panel agreed to accept the Visitors' recommendations that the following programmes continued to meet the SETs:

Education provider	Programme name	Delivery mode
Bournemouth University	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full-time
University of East Anglia	MSc Physiotherapy	Full-time
University of Salford	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Full-time
University of Salford	BSc (Hons) Podiatry	Part-time

**Action: AC (by 14 November 2007)**

### Item 8.07/125 Minor/major changes

- 8.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 8.2 The Panel noted that the paper summarised changes to approved programmes, which had been considered by Visitors. The Visitors were satisfied that although the changes were major, the programmes continued to meet the SETs and there was no requirement for a visit. The Panel noted that the HPC's guidance on the minor and major changes process listed examples of changes which would fall under each category.
- 8.3 The Panel agreed that the following programmes had undergone major change and continued to meet the SETs:

Education Provider	Programme Name	Delivery Mode
The Robert Gordon University	Non medical prescribing	Part-time
Roehampton University	MA Music Therapy	Full-time

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Roehampton University	MA Music Therapy	Part-time
Roehampton University	MA Art Therapy	Full-time
Roehampton University	MA Art Therapy	Part-time
Roehampton University	MA Dramatherapy	Part-time

**Action: AC (by 14 November 2007)**

**Item 9.07/126 Any other business**

- 9.1 The Panel noted that the Higher Education Funding Council for England had issued a consultation document on how to implement the government's decision to withdraw funding for equivalent or lower qualifications. The Panel agreed that the Executive should investigate the impact of the proposals on the professions regulated by the HPC.

**Action: RT (by 1 December 2007)**

**Item 10.07/127 Date of next meeting**

- 10.1 The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 14 November 2007.

- 10.2 Subsequent meetings would be held on:

Tuesday 4 December 2007

**Chairman**

**Date**