

Health Professions Council

Education and Training Committee Panel

Programmes in respect of which approval/ongoing approval is recommended subject to conditions, where the education provider has made observations on the visitors' report

Name of programme	IHCD Paramedic Award
Name of education provider	East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Mode of delivery	Full time and Part time
Date of decision	25 September 2008

Panel :
Eileen Thornton, Chair
Helen Davis
John Donaghy
Sheila Drayton
Gill Pearson

Guidance for Panel Chairs

In determining whether to accept a Visitors' report (including the conditions and recommendations in the report), the Panel must reach its decision on the basis of the evidence put before it, in the form of the HPC Visitors' report and any observations on the report made by the education provider.

The Visitors' report is only a recommendation and the Panel may depart from that recommendation where it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.

The Panel must reach its own decision and give reasons for that decision. If the Panel wishes to amend the report, it should give reasons for each amendment.

Decision:
1. The Visitors' report should be amended as follows: The documentation deadline for the conditions should be agreed with the

education provider and included in the Visitors' report. The Executive should submit the updated report for approval to the next meeting of the Education and Training Panel on 30 October 2008.

2. The conditions against standards of education and training (SETs) 2.2.1, 4.1, 4.5, 5.2, 5.6 and 5.7.1 in the Visitors' report should remain and the Executive should advise the education provider that they may wish to provide the documentation submitted as observations as evidence in how they meet the conditions.
3. The recommendations against SETs 2.2.4 and 4.3 in the Visitors' report should remain and the Executive should clarify the role of recommendations to the education provider.

Reasons

1. The Panel noted that the documentation deadline by which the conditions should be met was not included in the Visitors' report. The Panel agreed that the Executive should agree a deadline with the education provider and the updated report should be considered by the next Education and Training Panel in October.

2. The Panel is satisfied that the conditions against SETs 2.2.1, 4.1, 4.5, 5.2, 5.6 and 5.7.1 need to be met before ongoing approval of the programme can be confirmed.

The Panel agreed that the education provider had provided documentary evidence to meet these conditions, rather than providing evidence that the standards were met and therefore the Panel saw no reason to remove or amend the conditions.

The Panel agreed that the education provider should be advised that it might wish to submit their observations as part of its response to the conditions. The education provider may submit further evidence in response to the conditions if it wishes.

3. The Panel agreed that the education provider had provided documentary evidence to meet the recommendations against SETs 2.2.4 and 4.3. The Panel agreed that the Executive should give guidance to the education provider on the nature of the recommendations.

Signed: Eileen Thornton (Chairman of the Panel)

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Name of programme	Paramedic-in-training
Name of education provider	Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	25 September 2008

Panel :
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Decision:
1. The Visitors' report should be amended as follows: The documentation deadline for the conditions against standards of education and training (SETs) 5.5, 5.6, 5.7.1, 5.7.2, 5.7.3, 5.7.4, 5.7.5, 5.8.1, 5.8.2, 5.8.3, 5.10, 5.11, 5.13, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6 should

be set as Friday 19 December 2008.

The documentation deadline for the remaining conditions should be set as Friday 28 November 2008.

2. The Panel agreed that the conditions against SET 2.2.5 and 3.6 should remain in the Visitors' report.
3. The Panel agreed that the condition against SET 3.5 should remain in the Visitors' report.

Reasons

1. The Panel is satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' report must be met before ongoing approval of the programme can be confirmed.

The Panel is satisfied that the programme has previously been approved by the HPC and that there is no evidence that individuals who have previously completed the programme are unfit to practise. The Panel is therefore satisfied that the nature of the conditions to be met in December pose a minimal risk to the protection of the public.

2. The Panel agreed that the education provider had provided documentary evidence to meet the conditions against SETs 2.2.5 and 3.6, rather than providing evidence that the standards were met and therefore the Panel saw no reason to remove or amend the conditions against SETs 2.2.5 and 3.6.

The Panel agreed that the education provider should be advised that it might wish to submit their observations as part of its response to the conditions. The education provider may submit further evidence in response to the conditions if it wished.

3. The Panel believes that the reason within the Visitors' report for the condition against SET 3.5 clearly identifies that the education provider should provide documentary evidence that there are staff with relevant expertise and knowledge to contribute to the delivery of the programme in medical law and ethics, clinical audit, research and psychology. The Panel agreed the condition should remain.

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Name of programme	IHCD Paramedic Award
Name of education provider	South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	25 September 2008

Panel :
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Helen Davis
John Donaghy
Sheila Drayton
Gill Pearson

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The Panel must reach its own decision and give reasons for that decision. If the Panel wishes to amend the report, it should give reasons for each amendment.

Decision:
1. The Visitors' report should be amended as follows: The documentation deadline for the conditions should be set as December 2008. The Executive should negotiate with the education

provider to agree the exact date for the deadline.

2. The Panel agreed that the condition against SET 3.3 should remain in the Visitors' report and advised that the education provider submit a copy of the programme leader's curriculum vitae in response to the condition.

Reasons

1. The Panel is satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' report must be met before ongoing approval of the programme can be confirmed.

The Panel is satisfied that the programme has previously been approved by the HPC and that there is no evidence that individuals who have previously completed the programme are unfit to practise. The Panel is therefore satisfied that the nature of the conditions to be met in December pose a minimal risk to the protection of the public. The Panel also felt that a longer deadline to meet these conditions would provide the education provider with sufficient time to collaborate with the external provider.

2. The Panel is satisfied that the condition against SET 3.3 in the visitors' report needs to be met before ongoing approval of the programme can be confirmed as there was no evidence prior to or at the visit to demonstrate that this standard had been met.

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Name of programme	Certificate of Higher Education in Emergency Medical Care (incorporating the IHCD paramedic award)
Name of education provider	East of England Ambulance NHS Trust Award validated by University of East Anglia
Mode of delivery	Part time
Date of decision	25 September 2008

Panel :
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Helen Davis
John Donaghy
Sheila Drayton
Gill Pearson

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Decision:
1. The Panel agreed that the education provider should be given another opportunity to submit documentation to meet the conditions in the

Visitors' report.

2. The Panel agreed that the executive should agree the exact dates for submitting and considering the documentation to meet the conditions. The Panel advised that the executive considered the standard timescales within the operational process and the dates of forthcoming Education and Training Panel meetings.
3. The Panel agreed that no further extension of time would be allowed.

Reasons

1. The Panel is satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' report must be met before approval of the programme can be confirmed.

The Panel is satisfied that the circumstances outlined by the education provider were exceptional and affected the education provider's ability to respond to conditions in the normal manner.

2. The Panel felt that the education provider and visitors should attempt to ensure that the response to conditions was considered at the earliest opportunity, so any delay to the outcome of the approval process was kept to a minimum.
3. The Panel agreed that whilst the circumstances outlined by the education provider were exceptional for them, they were not unique and other comparable education providers experienced similar circumstances. For this reason, they did not feel that the circumstances could be used again to request an additional extension to the deadline to submit the response to conditions.

Signed: Eileen Thornton (Chairman of the Panel)

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Name of programme	Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science
Name of education provider	Staffordshire University
Mode of delivery	Full time
Date of decision	25 September 2008

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John Donaghy
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Decision:
The Visitors' report should be amended as follows: The documentation deadline for the condition against standard of education and training (SET) 3.1 should be extended to Friday 27 February 2009.

Reasons

The Panel noted that the Visitors' report had been submitted to the Education and Training Panel on Monday 18 August 2008 and had been approved by that Panel. The Panel noted that the education provider had since made an observation on the Visitors' report.

The Panel is satisfied that the condition against SET 3.1 in the Visitors' report needs to be met before the programme can be approved. The Panel is also satisfied that as the programme will not commence until September 2009, the deadline for this condition should be extended.

Signed: Eileen Thornton (Chairman of the Panel)

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Name of programme	IHCD Paramedic Award
Name of education provider	Yorkshire Ambulance Service
Mode of delivery	Full time and Part time
Date of decision	25 September 2008

Panel :
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John Donaghy
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Decision:

The Visitors' report should be amended as follows:

The documentation deadline for the conditions should be set as Friday 19

December 2008.

Reasons

The Panel is satisfied that the conditions in the Visitors' report must be met before ongoing approval of the programme can be confirmed.

The Panel is satisfied that the programme has previously been approved by the HPC and that there is no evidence that individuals who have previously completed the programme are unfit to practise. The Panel is therefore satisfied that the nature of the conditions to be met in December pose a minimal risk to the protection of the public. The Panel also felt that a longer deadline to meet these conditions would provide the education provider with sufficient time to collaborate with the awarding/validating body.

Signed: Eileen Thornton (Chairman of the Panel)