

Health Professions Council

Education and Training Committee Panel

Major change – approval visit required

Name of programme	BSc (Hons) Dietetics; MSc Dietetics; Pg Dip Dietetics
Name of education provider	University of Ulster
Mode of delivery	Full Time
Date of decision	10 February 2009

Panel :
Diane Waller, Chair
Helen Davis
John Donaghy
Christine Farrell
Barbara Stuart

Guidance for Panel Chairs

In deciding whether to agree that a visit is required, 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.

Decision:
The Visitors should be asked to reconsider their rationale for their recommendation
Reasons
The Panel noted that it appeared that the Visitors had made their decision by considering the old programme structure against the new programme

structure and had concluded therefore the new programme structure no longer met the curriculum guidance issued by the British Dietetic Association. The Visitors had concluded that the new programme therefore did not meet the standards of education and training.

The Panel agreed that the decision to visit the programme should be based on the merits of the programme's ability to meet the standards of education and training and not based on a comparison between old and new.

The Panel agreed that the Visitors should reconsider their reasons for their recommendation. It was noted that this may or may not affect the overall recommendation.

Signed: Diane Waller (Chairman of the Panel)