

Health Professions Council

Education and Training Committee Panel

Programmes which have been subject to annual monitoring audit and for which an approval visit is required

Name of programme	BSc (Hons) Speech & Language Therapy
Name of education provider	Birmingham City University
Mode of delivery	Full Time; and Part Time
Date of decision	20 May 2009

Panel :
Neil Willis, Chair
Karen Bryan
Helen Davis
John Donaghy
Gill Pearson

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' recommendation and any observations on the report made by the education provider.

The Visitors' report is only a recommendation and the Panel may depart from the Visitors' 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:
Following an annual monitoring audit, an approval visit is required to determine how the programme continues to meet the standards of education and training. The approval visit should be undertaken along a 4-5 month time scale.

Reasons

The panel agreed that a visit was required to review the issues raised in the annual monitoring visitors' report. Owing to the number and nature of issues highlighted by the visitors, the panel stated that a visit must be undertaken as soon as possible in order to ensure that the programme is compliant with the standards required for safe and effective practice. Documentation will be required from the education provider and therefore a visit should be scheduled along a 4-5 month period following guidance previously approved by the Education and Training Committee (2 December 2008).

Signed: Neil Willis (Chairman of the Panel)