
Education and Training Committee – 18 November 2010

Practitioner psychologists - List of approved programmes (historic)

Introduction

At the meeting of the Committee on 11 June 2009, the Committee agreed the list of currently approved practitioner psychologist programmes as well as the list of programmes which were approved historically for specific periods. These recommended lists were based on accreditation information received from the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Following this date the Education Department received further information which resulted in minor changes to the list of currently approved programmes and provided greater clarification for the list of programmes which were approved historically. At the meeting of the Committee on 25 November 2009 the Committee agreed the amended programme lists.

This paper is a follow up to the paper of the 16 September 2010 Committee to address further changes to the lists of historically approved programmes. The Committee is now asked to agree the amendments listed in Appendix 1 as final.

Background information

Article 15(8) of the Health Professions Order provides that:

- “(8) The Council shall maintain and publish a list of the courses of education and training, qualifications and institutions –
- (a) which are for the time being approved under this Order: or
 - (b) which have been approved under this Order but which are no longer approved, together with a record of the periods in respect of which they were approved.”

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 5 of the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 provides that:

“(1) The HPC and the BPS, and the HPC and the AEP, shall enter into arrangements (which may include financial arrangements) to facilitate the introduction of the new arrangements for the statutory regulation of practitioner psychologists arising out of this Order

“(2) The arrangements entered into under paragraph (1) shall include arrangements to ensure that all the names in the BPS register and the AEP register which are to be entered in the HPC register with effect from the appointed day for practitioner psychologists are so entered.”

In turn, schedule 2(16) of the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 outlines

amendments to schedule 3 of the Health Professions Order 2001. The amendment of schedule 3 refers to the following definitions;

““AEP register” means the aggregate of the entries in the membership list maintained by the Association of Educational Psychologists (which held its inaugural meeting at the London School of Economics on 14th April 1962 and was founded on that date(49)) that relate to full members of the Association;”;

““BPS register” means the aggregate of the entries in the register maintained by the British Psychological Society (which was incorporated by Royal Charter on 26th February 1965(50)) that relate to holders of practising certificates who are full members of one or more of the divisions of the Society in respect of the following branches of psychology: clinical psychology; counselling psychology; educational psychology; forensic psychology; health psychology; occupational psychology; and sport and exercise psychology;”

It is therefore necessary for the Committee to maintain and publish lists of approved programmes for practitioner psychologists.

List of historically approved programmes

At its meeting of 11 June 2009, the Committee agreed to approve individual programmes and ‘combination routes’ for historical periods, subject to receiving final data from the BPS and any subsequent editing. These decisions became effective from 1 July 2009 and the lists have been published on the website.

Following the receipt of final data from the BPS which provided the Department with greater clarification and allowed the individual programmes and ‘combination routes’ to be recorded as one list of historically approved programmes the amended list was presented to Committee on 16 September 2010.

Since the Committee on 16 September 2010 there have been further minor amendments to the list of historically approved programmes following discussions and additional evidence supplied by the BPS. Appendix 1 contains the final recommended list of historically approved programmes. For ease of reference the reason that the changes have been made are noted in the final column of the table in Appendix 1.

Decision

The Committee is therefore asked to agree the following:

- To accept the amendments to the historically approved programmes outlined in Appendix 1.

Background information

Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes paper (11 June 2009).

Practitioner psychologist – list of approved programmes (current and historic) paper (22 September 2009).

Minutes of the Committee meeting (11 June 2009).

Minutes of the Committee meeting (22 September 2009).

Minutes of the Committee meeting (25 November 2009).

Minutes of the Committee meeting (10 March 2010).

Minutes of the Committee meeting (8 June 2010)
Minutes of the Committee meeting (16 September 2010)

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Amendments to list of historically approved programmes

Date of paper

8 November 2010