

# Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

### University of Bolton

#### 1. Summary and Conclusions

Following the submission of accreditation documents in August 2007, the reviewers will recommend to the Education Committee that the programme should be accredited by the Society for a period of three years. The university will formally be informed of the Society's decision in due course.

#### 2. Conditions

The reviewers recommend that accreditation by the Society should be subject to the following conditions which must be met by the time the programme commences.

- 2a. Applicants must be required to state their current RPSGB registration number on the NMP collaboration nomination form. The form should also require applicants to state the date on which they achieved their annotation as a supplementary prescriber. (Criterion 2.2.1)
- 2b. The nomination form for applicants requires that the DMP completes section 3 but does not require the DMP to confirm the applicant's competence as a supplementary prescriber. The University must ensure that as part of the application process the DMP is required to confirm an applicants competence as a supplementary prescriber. (Criterion 2.2.3 )
- 2c. The University must confirm to the Society how it will ensure that applicants demonstrate how they reflect on their own performance and take responsibility for their own CPD and how they will develop their own support networks for the CPD of prescribing practice, including prescribers from other professions as this was not evident from the application procedure. (Criterion 2.2.5).
- 2d. The learning outcomes in the documents and handbooks submitted by the University in support of its application need to be revised to include the learning outcome, use common diagnostic aids e.g. stethoscope, sphygmomanometer. (Criterion 2.3.4).
- 2e. The DMP must provide a declaration that the pharmacist's practice as a prescriber is in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber. This exact wording must be used in the "statement of clinical competence to undertake prescribing as an Independent Pharmacist Prescriber" in the portfolio. (Criterion 2.4.4).
- 2f. The criteria for a 40% pass mark are not consistent with safe and effective prescribing. A 50% pass mark would be acceptable in order to meet this criteria. (Criterion 2.5.5).

#### 3. Recommendations

The reviewers also recommended that the University may wish to review the following areas although this feedback does not constitute formal conditions.

- 3a. Variable terminology is used in relation to the DMP. The terms Designated Medical Supervisor, Medical Supervisor and DMP are used interchangeably. The University should be consistent in the use of the term DMP throughout its documentation.
- 3b. Page 7 of the DMP handbook needs to be amended as it currently states that learning in practice will comprise a total of 12 days (90 hours). This should state 2 days (15 hours).

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's recommendation has been endorsed by the Society's Education Committee.

Satisfactory evidence was subsequently provided to meet the above conditions of accreditation; following this the programme was approved for accreditation by the Society's Education Committee for a period of three years.