

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

Glyndwr University & Bangor University Combined Provision

1. Summary and Conclusions

Following the submission of accreditation documents in January 2007, the reviewers recommend to Education Committee that the programme should be accredited by the Society for a period of three years. The reviewers were pleased to note that the arrangements for teaching pharmacists were in a multi-professional environment. The universities 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 before the first cohort of students start the programme. The Society reserves the right to comment on each piece of evidence provided.

- 2a. The universities must confirm that the entry criteria include the criterion that entrant's annotation as a supplementary prescriber is for not more than five years and consider whether PSNI registered pharmacists would be admitted to the course. (Relates to criterion 1.2.1).
- 2b. The universities must inform the Society of how they intend to confirm that entrants are either currently practising as a supplementary prescriber or registered as a supplementary prescriber and able to provide evidence of relevant patient orientated practice (relates to criterion 1.2.2).
- 2c. The universities must confirm that entrants will have to provide a statement of support from a medical practitioner that confirms their competence as a supplementary prescriber (relates to criterion 1.2.3).
- 2d. The universities must provide the Society with evidence that the admission profile will require entrants to demonstrate how they reflect on their own performance and take responsibility for own CPD and how they will develop their own support networks for the CPD of prescribing practice (this relates to criterion 1.2.5).
- 2e. The universities must confirm that the learning outcome "able to use diagnostic aids relevant to the condition(s) for which the pharmacists intends to prescribe, including monitoring response to therapy" will be met by the course and that is will be included in all documentation (this relates to criterion 1.3.4)

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- 2f. The universities must confirm that a major failure to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause the patient harm, which they state would result in a refer will also result in overall failure (this relates to criterion 1.5.6).

2g. The Society would also like to see students encouraged to provide evidence of CPD, networking and achievement of learning outcomes in their portfolio in addition to the proposed reflective report and OSCE results.

3. Recommendations

There were no recommendations for this accreditation event.

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's recommendations have 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.