

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

University of Hertfordshire

1. Summary and Conclusions

The reviewers **recommend** to 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

- 2a. The university must supply the Society with a copy of the communication and / or form sent to applicants requiring them to confirm their supplementary prescribing status, to provide details of their practice as a supplementary prescriber, including evidence to support their clinical competence with a similar requirement will apply applicants who are not in prescribing practice and to provide a statement of support from a medical practitioner that confirms their competence as a supplementary prescriber. (criteria 1.2.1, 1.2.2 and 1.2.3)
- 2b. The university must provide evidence to the Society of how they will confirm that the DMP has training and experience appropriate to the role, upon which the Society reserves the right to comment (criterion 1.2.4).
- 2c. The university must supply the Society with a copy of the content of the induction day and the documentation sent to DMPs detailing their role in confirming the student's competence in meeting the learning outcomes, upon which the Society reserves the right to comment. (criterion 1.4.2)
- 2d. The university must supply the Society detail of how quality assurance of the DMP's responsibilities in assessment is undertaken. (criterion 1.5.4)
- 2e. The university must supply the Society with the criteria for pass and fail of the portfolio, together with details of the resit arrangements which will be allowed. (criteria 1.5.5) In addition the university must supply the Society with details of how a major failure to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause the patient harm will be handled. (criteria 1.5.6) The Society reserves the right to comment on these responses.
- 2f. The university must correct the portfolio which indicates that only one days practice learning is required.
- 2g. The university must clarify to the Society that for the stated intention of interim approval of an independent prescribing course, by adding the conversion course to the supplementary prescribing programme, .students will undertake a total of 14 days learning in practice and not 12 days as indicated in the substantive submission document.

The reviewers have some concern that the notes in the Periodic Review of Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing dated 6 November under section 1.2 imply that the change to the programme from Supplementary Prescribing to Independent Prescribing is purely a name change.

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.