

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

Queen's University Belfast

1. Summary and Conclusions

Following the submission of accreditation documents in October 2006 the reviewers were pleased to see how well the programme had been developed, especially the arrangements for teaching pharmacists clinical examination skills. The reviewers complimented the university on the clarity of their plans for the programme and the application itself.

The reviewers recommend to Education Committee that the accreditation of the programme by PSNI should be recognised by the Society.

The Education Committee is invited to recommend to Council that pharmacist supplementary prescribers who successfully complete the programme and who register with the Society should be eligible to apply to the Society to register and practise in Great Britain as independent prescribers.

The University will formally be informed of the Society's decision in due course.

2. Conditions

The reviewers recommend that recognition of accreditation by PSNI should be subject to the following conditions which must be met by the time the first cohort of students complete the programme.

- 2a. The university should inform the Society of the academic level of the programme and if this has been confirmed by the university validation procedures.
- 2b. The assessment criteria for marking university assessments and the OSCE must be provided to the Society. The Society reserves the right to comment on these.
- 2c. Although the declaration signed by the DMP has presumably been accepted by PSNI, the university is asked to consider adopting a more positive statement that *the pharmacist's practice as an independent prescriber is, in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber.*

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.