

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

University of Reading

1. Summary and Conclusions

Following the submission of accreditation documents in October 2006, the reviewers recommend to the Education Committee that the programme should be accredited for a period of three years. The reviewers were pleased to see how well the programme had been developed, especially the arrangements for teaching pharmacists clinical examination skills. The university will formally be informed of the Society's decision in due course.

2. Conditions

The reviewers recommend that the accreditation by the Society should be subject to the following condition which must be met before the first cohort of students complete the programme.

- 2a. The university should inform the Society of the detailed role of the Designated Medical Practitioner, in particular, how the university will ensure that the DMP will undertake a formal confirmation of the student's clinical competence if they will not be involved in summative assessments of students. The Society reserves the right to comment on these.

In response to the condition, the university supplied a copy of the DMP handbook to the Society and confirmed on November 24th 2006 that the DMP will be required to observe the student's clinical practice, including the student's explanation of the clinical condition and its treatment to the patient. The university will also assess clinical competence from the clinical case reports written in the student's portfolio.

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.