

# Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

### Bangor University

#### 1. Summary and Conclusions

Following an accreditation event on 27 June 2008 the panel agreed that in view of the nature and number of the conditions below, it will be a requirement that the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (The Society) receives the University's responses to these conditions prior to any recommendation to the Society's Education Committee. The course will not formally be accredited until any subsequent recommendations of the accreditation panel have been endorsed by the Society's Education Committee. This means that the course is not accredited until the conditions have been met and the recommendations addressed.

#### 2. Conditions

There are 15 conditions associated with this report, which with the exception of condition 2a, must be met before the programme can be recommended to the Society's Education Committee for accreditation.

- 2a. For quality assurance purposes, all Universities offering newly accredited Independent Prescribing Programmes will be expected to undertake an evaluation of the teaching provided to enable students to develop clinical examination skills, once the first cohort has completed the programme. The evaluation must include assessment results for this essential core element and feedback from students on the teaching provided. The evaluation report must then be forwarded to the Society. [this is a standard condition]
- 2b. That the RPSGB receives abridged CVs for all those individuals involved in the programme. (Criterion 2.1.2 and 2.1.4)
- 2c. That the RPSGB receives, on headed paper, confirmation of the Chief Pharmacist's funding basis for the programme. (Criterion 2.1.3)
- 2d. The use of the word 'Pharmacy'/'Pharmacists' is legally protected. Any inappropriate use must be removed from all inaccurate documentation. A statement from a suitably responsible person confirming that this is the case must be received by the Society. (Criterion 2.1.4)
- 2e. That an appropriate Pharmacist is identified, who will contribute to the design and delivery of the programme and that this person's role is formally articulated within the documentation. (Criterion 2.1.5)
- 2f. That the student application form is amended to include:
  - i) confirmation of at least two years relevant clinical experience;
  - ii) acceptance of PSNI registrants;
  - iii) the requirement that the applicant is on the practising register; and

- iv) confirmation by the Employer that the applicant has identified an area of clinical practice and has up-to-date clinical, pharmacological and pharmaceutical knowledge relevant to their intended area of prescribing practice. (Criterion 2.2.1, 2.2.2, and 2.2.3)
- 2g. That the documentation is amended throughout to require 12 x 7.5 hour days (90 hours) of supervised practice. (Criterion 2.2.5, 2.3.8, 2.4.3 and 2.4.4)
- 2h. That a statement is added to confirm whether or not members of Pharmaceutical Societies not listed may undertake taught components of the programme. If members of the Pharmaceutical Societies not listed are accepted on the taught element of the programme it must be explicit that only RPSGB and PSNI registrants may undertake the period of learning in practice. (Criterion 2.2.6)
- 2i. That the Society receives documented evidence that the programme is validated as a freestanding award of the University. (Criterion 2.3.2)
- 2j. That the Society's learning outcomes are fully mapped with the programme learning outcomes, the assessment and the programme curriculum. In this mapping it should be explicit how the teaching, learning and assessments are related to the learning outcomes in the RPSGB indicative content. (Criterion 2.3.4 and 2.5.1)
- 2k. The system of attendance monitoring is clearly articulated in the documentation. (Criterion 2.3.9)
- 2l. Pharmacist's attendance at study days, specifically concerning clinical skills, diagnosis and clinical examination are mandated. (Criterion 2.3.10)
- 2m. That the documentation is amended to reflect the fact that APEL is not awarded. (Criterion 2.3.11)
- 2n. That the final declaration of the DMP (DSMP in documentation) following the period of learning in practice is amended to reflect the Society's exact wording; 'I certify that the above named student has undertaken the minimum supervised 12 x 7.5 (90) hours of practice within the independent prescribing programme and in my opinion the student's practice as a prescriber is suitable for registration as an independent prescriber'. (Criterion 2.4.4 and 2.5.2)
- 2o. That it is clearly articulated that all aspects of assessment must be passed individually and that no compensation between elements is allowed. In addition, any major failure to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause the patient harm should result in overall failure. (Criterion 2.5.3 and 2.5.6)

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3a. That the University consider the use of a competency framework that would allow the Designated Medical Practitioner to ensure that the pharmacist has acquired the appropriate competencies for practice as an independent prescriber [this relates to criterion 2.5.4].
- 3b. That the team enforce the NMC requirement that the course is normally completed within a 12 month period from registration. [this relates to criterion 2.5.5]

Following the above accreditation event satisfactory evidence was provided to meet the above conditions of accreditation (with the exception of the standard condition 2a which must be met on completion of the first cohort). The programme was subsequently approved for accreditation by the Society's Education Committee for a period of three years.