

# Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

### University of Bolton

#### 1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on 24 November 2008, the panel agreed to recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the University of Bolton is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the Society receiving satisfactory responses to the conditions below. This means that the course is not accredited until the conditions have been met and approval has been given by the Society's Education Committee.

The panel was pleased to commend the team on the excellent range of learning strategies provided for students as well as the flexibility of the course structure. The panel was also impressed with the significant pharmacist practitioner involvement in the programme provided by the staff team.

#### 2. Conditions

There are 12 conditions associated with this report, which, with the exception of condition 2a, must be met before the programme commences. The University is required to provide the Society with evidence of meeting the conditions prior to commencement of the programme.

- 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. [Standard condition].
- 2b. Remove reference to the 'Royal Society of Pharmacists of Great Britain' from all documentation and replace with the 'Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain' (This relates to criterion 2.1.1)
- 2c. Add to the validation document an indication that pharmacists who are registered with the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (PSNI) are eligible for entry on to the programme (This relates to criterion 2.2.1)
- 2d. Add a statement to the documentation which states that anyone not a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain or the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland may undertake the taught components of the programme but may not undertake the period of supervised practice (This relates to criterion 2.2.6).
- 2e. Provide confirmation that the Clinical Skills and Knowledge for Pharmacist Prescribers module has been validated by the University (This relates to criterion 2.1.1)

- 2f. Describe the QAA level 6 and QAA level 7 learning outcomes of the programme in all the course documentation (This relates to criterion 2.3.1).
- 2g. Rewrite the learning outcomes for clinical skills and monitoring for pharmacists for QAA level 7 in all documentation to reflect level 7 outcomes (This relates to criterion 2.3.1)
- 2h. Update the indicative reading list for all modules. (This relates to criterion 2.3.5)
- 2i. Amend the statement on the DMP's role in the assessment to make it explicit that DMPs must assess the student in practice and verify their competence. (This relates to Criteria 2.3.7, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.5.2 and 2.5.4)
- 2j. Make it clear to the students, within the handbook, that all students must undertake all assessments. (This relates to criterion 2.3.12)
- 2k.
  - i) Add to the log of learning in practice template a section for total cumulative hours.
  - ii) Amend the statement from the DMP to conform to the Society's requirement of the length of time in practice of 12 x 7.5 (90) hour days and amend the professional declaration according to the Society's requirements as per criterion 2.4.4 (This relates to Criteria 2.4.3 and 2.4.4)
- 2l. Amend the pass marks for all assessments with a pass mark of 40%, to a pass mark of 50% (This relates to Criteria 2.5.1 and 2.5.5)

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3a. Should the 40% pass mark wish to be used for any assessments in the future, the grading criteria should be reviewed to ensure they reflect safe and effective practice (This relates to criteria 2.5.1 and 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.