

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

University of Brighton

1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on 17 January 2008 the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the University of Brighton is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below. The panel was pleased to commend the programme team on the unique and informative mapping of the learning outcomes to the curriculum as well as the programme's engagement of multidisciplinary groups.

2. Conditions

There are 3 conditions associated with this report, which with the exception of condition 2a, must be met before the programme commences.

- 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) The team to rewrite the DMP instructions so that the DMPs are familiar with their responsibility for clinical examination and diagnosis and that this includes ancillary instructions of their role. (This relates to criteria 2.3.7, 2.4.1 and 2.4.2)
- 2c) The independent prescribing documentation is rewritten to reflect the fact that the pharmacists are mandated to attend all in instruction on clinical examination and assessment (This relates to criterion 2.3.10)

3. Recommendations

- 3a) The Team to consider how Pharmacists might demonstrate their CPD and support networks of CPD prior to enrolment on the programme. (This relates to criterion 2.2.4)
- 3b) To integrate fully the Conversion course information into the Prescribing course information.
- 3c) The Team may wish to review the credit rating for the course in line with the sector norm of 40-45 M-level.

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's recommendations have been endorsed by the Society's Education Committee.

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.