

# Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

### Cardiff University

#### 1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on 6 June 2008 the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at Cardiff University is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below.

The course team was complemented on the quality of their document submission, the OSCEs which have very specific and detailed patient assessment skills, and the multidisciplinary nature of the course relating to the development, content and teaching of the course.

#### 2. Conditions

There are 6 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 University must amend the documentation to ensure that pharmacy applicants registered with the RPSGB are on the practising register.
- 2c. Pharmacists must attend the clinical assessment and examination study days before they take the assessment.
- 2d. The DMP signs a statement that the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed 12x7.5 hour days of supervised practice and that the pharmacist's practice as a prescriber is, in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber.
- 2e. The award title stated in the documentation must be changed to Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing.
- 2f. Clarification is sent regarding Cardiff University's regulations regarding the number of attempts to be allowed after a student has failed a module.

#### 3. Recommendations

- 3a. Consideration is given to changing the reference to 'P Drugs' as P medicines have legal connotations.

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's report has 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.