

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

University of Central Lancashire

1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on 22 October 2008 the panel is not currently able to recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the University of Central Lancashire be accredited. It is a requirement that condition 2b is met before this is deemed possible.

1. The panel was very impressed that the University has set a standard of 6 out of 12 days in practice being with the DMP and noted this was an area of good practice.

2. Conditions

There are 8 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. (This is a standard condition)
- 2b. That the Society receives formal confirmation of successful internal University validation for the intended Independent Prescribing Programme. The accreditation panel's recommendation will not be submitted to the Society's Education Committee for endorsement until this condition is met. (This condition relates to criterion 2.1.1)
- 2c. That the University's documentation is amended to specify the 'identified pharmacist' and that the name of the current 'identified pharmacist' is communicated formally to the Society. (This condition relates to criterion 2.1.5)
- 2d. That the University's application form should be altered to comply with criteria 2.2.1 and 2.2.3, and 2.2.5 in respect of the hours of commitment to practice supervision.
- 2e. That the University reviews the mapping exercise to ensure clarity and accuracy in aligning the Society's learning outcomes with the programme learning outcomes and assessment. (This condition relates to criterion 2.3.4)
- 2f. That attendance by pharmacists at classes designated as clinical skills and diagnosis are mandated and recorded. (This condition relates to criteria 2.3.9 and 2.3.10)
- 2g. That the University adopts a robust system for providing auditable evidence for DMPs to formally confirm competencies for practice. (This condition relates to criteria 2.3.7 and 2.4.1)
- 2h. That the University alters the DMP declaration to comply with criteria 2.4.3, 2.4.4 and 2.5.2.

The course will not formally be accredited until the conditions have been met and 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.