

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

University of Chester

1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event, the panel agreed to recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the University of Chester be 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.

Commendations

In addition to the above, the accreditation team agreed that the University should be commended on the following areas of best practice:

- The Supervisor's Handbook with its section of Frequently Asked Questions.
- The University's central IT facility that ensures the viability of links to the worldwide web for the DVD-based element of the programme.
- The evident intimate knowledge of the programme in all its aspects demonstrated by the Programme Leader.

2. Conditions

There are 10 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 University provide the Society with a full list of those staff, including pharmacists, who contribute to the programme and include the proportion of each individual's work load to the programme (this relates to criterion 2.1.2).
- 2c. That the University provide written notification of support from the appropriate Strategic Health Authority (this relates to criterion 2.1.3).
- 2d. That the Society receives notification of the appointment of a pharmacist to the Independent Prescribing Programme and that the University identify a pharmacist who will contribute to the design and delivery of the programme (this relates to criteria 2.1.4 and 2.1.5).
- 2e. That the University amend the application form to:
 - i. Identify registration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and include a declaration that the pharmacist must be on the practising register (this relates to criterion 2.2.1).
 - ii. Include a declaration that the applicant has up-to-date clinical, pharmacological and pharmaceutical knowledge relevant to their area of prescribing practice (this relates to criterion 2.2.3).

- iii. Include a statement on how applicants reflect on their own performance and take responsibility for their own CPD (this relates to criterion 2.2.4).
 - iv. Include a statement that the DMP is familiar with the requirements of the programme and the need to achieve the learning outcomes (this relates to criterion 2.2.5).
- 2f. That the Society receives a mapping of its learning outcomes against the learning outcomes of the level 6 and level 7 programmes and their respective assessments (this relates to criterion 2.3.4).
- 2g. That the Society receives a copy of the reflective portfolio *proforma* that meets the requirements of criterion 2.3.6.
- 2h. That the University articulate fully in the Programme Handbook the policy on attendance and participation (this relates to criterion 2.3.10).
- 2i. That the documentation be amended to indicate there is no APL/APEL (this relates to criterion 2.3.11).
- 2j. That the DMP declaration be amended to state that ‘...the Pharmacist’s practice as prescriber is, in my opinion, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber’ (this relates to criterion 2.4.4).

3. Recommendation

- 3a. That a ‘red flag’ symptom or situation be included in the OSCE (this relates to criterion 2.5.6).

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.

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