

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

Keele University

1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on the 2 August 2007, the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the independent prescribing programme at the University of Keele is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below.

2. Condition

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.

3. Recommendations

- 3a. It is recommended that the University consider monitoring student progression by formally requiring the submission of formative assessments earlier in the programme.
- 3b. It is recommended that University promotes opportunities for and the advantages of multi professional learning in the guidance provided for the student and the Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP).
- 3c. The accreditation panel commended the use of the learning contract between the student and the DMP. The accreditation panel, however, would recommend the inclusion of a learning needs analysis within the contract to further enhance its effectiveness.
- 3d. It is recommended that the University amends the wording within the programme documentation in relation to the requirements for students who do not fulfil the learning outcomes for the period of learning in practice to state that students would have to repeat up to 12 days learning in practice, rather than a minimum of 12 days, which is potentially misleading.

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 the programme was subsequently approved for accreditation by the Society's Education Committee for a period of three years.