

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

Kings College, London

1. Summary and Conclusions

Following an accreditation event on the 18 October 2007, the accreditation panel agreed that King's College had produced and presented an excellent programme in which the panel had confidence. As a result of the accreditation event, the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the independent prescribing programme at King's College is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below being satisfactorily fulfilled.

2. Conditions

(It is expected that conditions 2b to 2d inclusive will be satisfied before the programme commences)

- 2a. For quality assurance purposes, given the implications of Independent prescribing and the additional responsibility on pharmacists, 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 report must be forwarded to the Society.
- 2b. The programme must be validated through King's College internal quality assurance processes and evidence of this must be forwarded to the Society. (This relates to criterion 2.1.1)
- 2c. The application form for the programme requests the applicant to confirm that they are on the Society's practising register and to provide their registration number. The application form must also refer to the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland. (This relates to criterion 2.2.1)
- 2d. The programme documentation needs to make it explicitly clear that attendance at the physical assessment day is mandatory and that if a pharmacist misses the physical assessment day, this must be rescheduled. (This relates to criterion 2.3.7)

3. Recommendations

- 3a. The DMP criteria is referenced to the Department of Health's guidance, not the Society's or the NHS'
- 3b. The areas covering breast feeding, pregnancy and ethnicity should be made more explicit.
- 3c. The reference to 70% attendance is removed in view of the one day allowed for absence. The programme team may wish to reflect upon the 100% attendance required for nurses.
- 3d. The course team reviews the application process for the programme to cover pharmacists working in private practice.
- 3e. The LIV MAAS checklist for pharmacists reflects that the DMP is not involved in the assessment or the sign off.
- 3f. All documentation should be modified where necessary to state that the award is a Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing.

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