

# Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

### University of Leeds

#### 1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on the 24 September 2007, the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the University of Leeds is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below. Although the university had not provided CVs for those involved in teaching on the programme in advance of the accreditation event, after discussions with the university representatives, the accreditation panel was reassured and impressed by the calibre and enthusiasm of staff involved with the programme. The accreditation panel was particularly impressed with the level of support provided to students and were pleased to note that clear guidance was provided to students to assist them with selecting the most appropriate mode of learning. The accreditation panel was also pleased to note that guarantees were sought from employees in relation to protected learning time.

#### 2. Conditions

*(It is expected that conditions 2b to 2c inclusive will be satisfied 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.

2b. The University must review the programme's learning outcomes before the first cohort commences the programme. The University must ensure that the following two learning outcomes which are required by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society are covered by the programme:

*maintain accurate effective and timely records and ensure that other prescribers and other health care staff are appropriately informed;*

*demonstrate an understanding of public health issues related to medicines use.*

2c. The University should review the pass mark for the MCQs and SAQs to ensure that it is consistent with safe and effective prescribing.

#### 3. Recommendations

That the University considers formulating a clear policy on attendance, which clarifies exactly how much of the programme the student is able to miss in relation to both modes of programme delivery.

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 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.