

# Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

### University of Nottingham

#### 1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on the 4 November 2008, the panel agreed to recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the University of Nottingham is 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. The panel was pleased to commend the team on the flexible approach taken to meeting the individual needs of pharmacists on the programme, in particular in relation to the teaching of clinical examination skills.

#### 2. Conditions

There are 6 conditions associated with this report, which, with the exception of condition 2a, must be met before the programme commences. The University is required to provide the Society with evidence of meeting the conditions prior to commencement of the programme.

- 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. To amend the application form to ensure that it meets the pre-requisites for entry for pharmacists (Criterion 2.2.1).
- 2c. To separate the Society's learning outcomes numbers 4 and 5 and to provide amended mapping to include all 16 of the Society's learning outcomes mapped to the programme's learning outcomes and assessments. (Criterion 2.3.4)
- 2d. To amend all documentation to refer to the required 90 (12 x 7.5) hours of learning in practice. (Criterion 2.4.3)
- 2e. To amend the DMP declaration to include the required wording; ' the pharmacist's practice as a prescriber is, in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber'. (Criterion 2.5.2, and 2.4.4)
- 2f. To add a statement to the Student handbook that a major failure to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause a patient harm will result in overall failure, and that this is applicable to all assessments. (Criterion 2.5.6)

#### 3. Recommendations

*No recommendations were set.*

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.