

Major change visitors' report

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Section one: Programme details

Name of education provider	London South Bank University
Programme title	Postgraduate Certificate in Non-medical Prescribing
Mode of delivery	Part time
Relevant entitlements	Independent prescribing Supplementary prescribing
Name and role of HCPC visitors	Andrew Hill (Chiropodist / Podiatrist) James Pickard (Chiropodist / Podiatrist)
HCPC executive	Mandy Hargood
Date of submission to the HCPC	27 April 2016

Section two: Submission details

Summary of change

Standard A: Programme admissions
Standard B: Programme management and resources
Standard C: Curriculum
Standard E: Assessment

With the change in the medicine legislation regarding prescribing rights the education provider has now added the diagnostic radiographers and dietitians to the list of professions able to take this programme with a view to annotation to the Register.

The following documents were provided as part of the submission:

- Major change notification form (completed by the HCPC executive)
- Context pack

- Major change standards for prescribing for education providers mapping document (completed by education provider)
- Staff curriculum vitae
- Programme specification
- Programme guide
- Application form information
- Education provider corporate strategy
- Practice assessment guide
- Designated medical practitioner supporting documents
- Timetable
- Staff operational manual

Section three: Additional documentation

- ☐ The visitors agreed that no further documentation was required in order to make a recommendation.
- ☒ The visitors agreed that additional documentation was required in order to make a recommendation. The standards for prescribing for which additional documentation was requested, are listed below with reasons for the request.

B.8 The resources to support student learning in all settings must be effectively used.

Reason: In their reading of the evidence provided the visitors noted that on page 7 of the course specification the education provider states that :-

“The professional bodies (NMC, GPhC and HCPC) recommend that students should complete the non-medical prescribing programme within one calendar year, unless extenuating circumstances approved by the University have been approved. Students failing to complete the programme within one calendar year are required to undertake the programme again.”

The HCPC is not a professional body but a regulatory body. Also the HCPC does not impose or recommend time frames on the duration of its approved programmes, the programme needs to meet the standards of prescribing for approval to be maintained. Therefore the visitors need to see revised evidence that clearly and accurately articulate the role and remit of the HCPC as a regulatory body.

Suggested documentation: Evidence that demonstrates that statements that refer to the HCPC accurately reflect the role and remit of the HCPC as a regulatory body.

Section four: Recommendation of the visitors

To recommend a programme for ongoing approval, the visitors must be assured that the programme meets all of the standards for prescribing for education providers and that those who complete the programme have demonstrated an ability to meet our standards for prescribing for all prescribers.

The visitors agreed to recommend to the Education and Training Committee that:

- ☒ There is sufficient evidence to show the programme continues to meet the standards for prescribing for education providers and that those who complete the programme will continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards for prescribing for all prescribers.
- ☐ There is insufficient evidence to determine if or how the programme continues to meet the standards for prescribing for education providers listed. Therefore, a visit is recommended to gather more evidence and if required place conditions on ongoing approval of the programme.

Section five: Visitors' comments

The visitors would like the education provider to note that there are number of instances where the HCPC is referenced which are not correct. In particular the HCPC is referred to as specifying the length of programme delivery (programme specification) as and specifying that it must be taught as three integrated modules (prescribing for clinical practice module guide). The HCPC does not specify the length of any programme and does not specify how any programme should be taught or delivered. Therefore the visitors recommend that these references are amended to ensure that there is no confusion over the role of the HCPC in regulating this programme.

Date of ETP final decision: 25 August 2016