

Education and Training Committee – 17 November 2011

Closure of approved programmes

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

The Education Department has recently learnt of programmes which have closed or are closing. These programmes either have no students, or have students but the programmes are no longer recruiting additional cohorts. As these programmes still carry approved status the risk exists that an education provider may re-establish a training programme as leading to eligibility to register with the Health Professions Council.

By withdrawing “ongoing approval” the programmes will remain approved between the commencement dates of the first cohort and final cohort, however approval will be withdrawn to close the records that the Health Professions Council maintains for these programmes. Accordingly, approval will continue for qualifications held by:

- existing registrants;
- students who are currently completing programmes that have recently stopped recruiting and who successfully complete the programme in the future; and
- applicants to the Register through the return to practice route to registration who completed the programme during the approved dates.

This paper is asking the Committee to consider:

- the programmes listed in Appendix 1 where consent has been obtained from the education provider or validating body, for ongoing approval to be withdrawn. The consent forms for these programmes have been checked and confirmed by the Executive and may be seen upon request.
- the programmes listed in Appendix 2 where consent from the education provider or validating body has not been received either in response to an initial communication or a reminder.
- the programmes listed in Appendix 3 where the education provider has been informed that the Committee has previously agreed to commence withdrawal of approval proceedings but the education provider have not provided any representations for withdraw of approval.

Decision

The Committee is asked to **agree**:

- that the programmes listed in Appendix 1, which have submitted their consent, have their ongoing approval status withdrawn.
- that the programmes listed in Appendix 2, which have not submitted their consent, receive notice of the Committee's intent to withdraw approval and are given 28 days in which to provide any representations.
- that the programmes listed in Appendix 3, which have not submitted any representations following notification of the Committee's intent to withdraw approval, have their ongoing approval status withdrawn.

Background information

- Closure of approved programmes paper and Minutes of the Committee meeting (8 September 2011).

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Consent to withdraw approval received
- Appendix 2 – Consent not received
- Appendix 3 – Education providers informed of intent to withdraw approval and no representations received

Date of paper

4 November 2011

Appendix 1 – Consent to withdraw approval received

Education Provider	Awarding / Validating Body	Programme Title	Mode of Delivery
Aston University	Aston University	BSc (Hons) Audiology with Professional Training	Full time
City University	City University	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology) incorporating bridging course	Part time
Queen Margaret University	Queen Margaret University	MSc Art Therapy	Full time
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University of Surrey	University of Surrey	BSc Nutrition	Unknown
University of the West of England, Bristol	University of the West of England, Bristol	Graduate Diploma Radiotherapy	Full time
University of the West of England, Bristol	University of the West of England, Bristol	Graduate Diploma Occupational Therapy	Part time
University of the West of England, Bristol	University of the West of England, Bristol	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Part time

Appendix 2 – Consent not received

Education Provider	Awarding / Validating Body	Programme Title	Mode of Delivery
Anglia Ruskin University	Anglia Ruskin University	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic) incorporating DipHE Medical Imaging Practice	Part time
Anglia Ruskin University	Anglia Ruskin University	BSc (Hons) Radiography (Therapeutic) incorporating FDS Sc Radiotherapy and Oncology Practice	Part time
University of Exeter	University of Exeter	Doctorate in Clinical and Community Psychology (DClinPsy)	Full time

Appendix 3 – Education provider informed of intent to withdraw approval and no representations received

Education Provider	Awarding / Validating Body	Programme Title	Mode of Delivery
University of East Anglia	University of East Anglia	DipHE Paramedic Science	Full time