

Health Professions Council

Visitors' report

Name of education provider	St. Georges Medical School, University of London
Name and titles of programme(s)	Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science (in Partnership with London Ambulance Service), & Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science (in Partnership with South East Coastal Trust),
Mode of Delivery (FT/PT)	Full-time (1 st Year – Full Time academic study) 2 nd & 3 rd Year – Part Time academic study)
Date of Visit	28 th July 2006
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2006
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Marcus Bailey (Paramedic) Gwyn Thomas (Paramedic)
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Mandy Hargood Nicole Borg
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Professor F Hay (Chair) Ms A Atkinson Mr D Baldwinson Dr T Poulton Mr G Taylor Mrs K Start

Scope of visit (please tick)

New programme	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major change to existing programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>

Confirmation of meetings held

	Yes	No	N/A
Senior personnel of provider with responsibility for resources for the programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programme team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placements providers and educators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students (current or past as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Confirmation of facilities inspected

	Yes	No	N/A
Library learning centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IT facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specialist teaching accommodation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Confirmation that particular requirements/specific instructions (if any) of the Education and Training Committee that have been explored e.g. specific aspects arising from annual monitoring reports.

Requirement (please insert detail)	Yes	No	N/A
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed student cohort intake number please state	20
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ALL CONDITIONS MET - PROGRAMME APPROVED

The following summarises the key outcomes of the Approvals event and provides reasons for the decision.

CONDITIONS

SET 2 Programme admissions

The admission procedures must:

2.1 give both the applicant and the education provider the information they require to make an informed choice about whether to make, or take up the offer of a place on a programme

Condition 1: The Programme Team must clearly articulate the consequences on progression if a student fails to achieve the driving requirements

Reason: This is not currently stated in any admissions information

SET 3. Programme management and resource standards

3.1 The programme must have a secure place in the education provider's business plan.

Condition 2: The Programme Team must produce a current memorandum of understanding with partner ambulance trust.

Reason: There is no memorandum of understanding for the South Coast ambulance Trust and the London Ambulance Service one should be reviewed for currency.

3.4 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

Condition 3: The Programme Team must produce a written plan demonstrating paramedic staffing to support the programme.

Reason: Currently this was verbalised only and the visitors require this to be in written format.

SET 6. Assessment standards

6.7 Assessment regulations clearly specify requirements:

6.7.2 for awards which do not provide eligibility for inclusion onto the Register not to contain any reference to an HPC protected title in their title;

Condition 4: The Programme documentation Must clearly articulate that the certificate and diploma exit awards do not lead to HPC registration

Reason: Currently there is no differential in the award outcomes.

6.7.5 for the appointment of at least one external examiner from the relevant part of the Register.

Condition 5: The Programme Team must produce an action plan for the appointment of an external examiner form the relevant part of the HPC register

Reason: Currently there is no external examiner assigned for this programme.

Deadline for *Conditions* to be met: 1 September 2006

COMMENDATIONS

- The visitors wish to commend the course team for their development of a degree pathway with mentorship preparation. This will enable a model of mentorship within the paramedic profession.

The nature and quality of instruction and facilities meets the Standards of Education and Training.

We recommend to the Education and Training Committee of the HPC that they approve this programme (subject to any conditions being met).

Visitors' signatures:

Marcus Bailey

Gwyn Thomas

Date: 28th July 2006