

**THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL**

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MINUTES of the fourth meeting of the Approvals Panel held on **Thursday 6 April 2006** at Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11 4BU.

**PRESENT:** Professor D Waller (Chairman)  
 Ms H Davis  
 Mr M Woolcock

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr C Bendall, Secretary to the Committee  
 Ms A Creighton, Education Manager  
 Ms A Hargood, Education Officer

**Item 1.06/26 APPOINTMENT OF PANEL CHAIRMAN**

- 1.1 The Panel agreed that Professor Waller should act as Chairman for the meeting.

**Item 2.05/27 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 2.1 The Panel approved the agenda, subject to the item on Visitors' Reports being considered before the item on Programmes for Approval.

**Item 3.06/28 MINUTES OF THE APPROVALS PANEL HELD ON 2 MARCH 2006**

- 3.1 It was agreed that the minutes of the third meeting of the Approvals Panel should be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**Item 4.06/29 MATTERS ARISING**

- 4.1 The Panel noted that the action points arising from the third meeting of the Panel had been dealt with.
- 4.2 The Panel noted that the MA Music Therapy part time programme at the University of West of England had commenced without approval from the HPC. However, the first intake did not include any students who required Accreditation of Prior Learning and therefore there was no conflict with the conditions in the Visitors' Report.

**Item 5.06/30 VISITORS' REPORTS**

- 5.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 5.2 The Panel noted that the Visitors' Report on Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals at Northumbria University (visited on 31 January 2006) included a condition that the programme should reflect the philosophy, values, skills and knowledge base as articulated in the curriculum guidance for the profession. The Panel noted that the education provider had met all the conditions and that the Panel would be asked to consider approving the programme as part of the next item.
- 5.3 The Panel agreed to accept the Visitors' Reports for the following programmes, including the conditions recommended by the HPC Visitors:-

<b>Education Provider</b>	<b>Programme Name</b>	<b>Delivery mode</b>
Northumbria University	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals	Full time
University of Plymouth	Supplementary Prescribing	Full time

**Item 6.06/31 PROGRAMMES FOR APPROVAL**

- 6.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 6.2 The Panel agreed that the following programmes should be approved upon recommendation from the HPC Visitors in attendance at the event:-

<b>Education Provider</b>	<b>Programme Name</b>	<b>Mode of Delivery</b>
Northumbria University	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals	Full time
Oxford Brookes University	Diploma of Higher Education in Paramedic Care	Part time and mixed
Oxford Brookes University	BSc (Hons) in Paramedic Care Care	Part time and mixed
Oxford Brookes University	BSc in Paramedic Care	Part time and mixed

University of Hertfordshire      Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals      Part time

**Action: AC (by 17 May 2006)**

**Item 7.06/32 REPORT OF MAJOR AND MINOR AMENDMENTS**

- 7.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 7.2 The Panel approved the following as minor changes in line with recommendations from the appointed HPC Visitors:-

<b>Education Provider</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Summary</b>
University of Central England	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy	Minor changes in response to internal review

**Action: AC (by 17 May 2006)**

**Item 8.06/33 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 8.1 There was no other business.

**Item 9.05/34 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- 9.1 The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 17 May 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee).
- 9.2 Subsequent meetings would be held on:-  
 Tuesday 13 June 2006  
 Tuesday 4 July 2006  
 Thursday 3 August 2006  
 Tuesday 5 September 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)  
 Tuesday 10 October 2006  
 Thursday 2 November 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)  
 Wednesday 13 December 2006.

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**