

**Health Professions Council
Approvals Panel – 5 September 2006**

HPC ANNUAL MONITORING AUDITS FOR AGREEMENT

Executive Summary and Recommendations

1. Introduction

The HPC Annual Monitoring cycle takes place annually and involves two types of monitoring submissions over a two year period. We have split UK education providers into two groups, Group A and Group B. All HPC approved programmes fall into either group A or B under the validating body for the award.

In 2006, all programmes in Group B need to complete the audit form and submit it with their internal quality reports and external examiners' reports from the last two academic years.

Five assessment days were held in May & June 2006 to consider the submissions from programmes in Group B.

On these assessment days, the Visitors requested for further information on the programmes listed below to allow them to make a recommendation as to whether the programmes continue to meet the Standards of Education and Training and that upon successful completion, students continue to meet the Standards of proficiency.

All of the programmes listed below are already due to have an Approvals Visit in the upcoming academic year (2006/07) and as part of the HPC's 'light touch' approvals and monitoring process, it is felt more appropriate that the Visitors requests for further information are considered as part of the forthcoming Approvals Visit. The Visitors Reports from the Annual Monitoring assessment days will be shared with the Visitors undertaking the Approvals Visit as well as the education provider. Audit forms, Visitors' Reports and evidence of the Visitors agreement with this proposal may all be seen upon request.

The programmes listed below will remain approved, pending the outcome of the Approvals Visits in the upcoming academic year (2006/07).

Education Provider	Programme
Cardiff University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice
Cardiff University	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
Cardiff University	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging
Glasgow Caledonian University	BSc(Hons) Human Nutrition & Dietetics
London South Bank University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice
The Robert Gordon University,	BSc (Hons) Nutrition & Dietetics
Sheffield Hallam University	Dip HE Operating Department Practice

2. Decision

The Panel is asked to agree that the above named programmes remain approved and that the areas of concern & clarification raised by the Visitors from the annual monitoring audit submissions are considered and addressed at the Approvals Visits planned in the 2006/07 academic year.

3. Background information

None

4. Resource implications

None

5. Financial implications

None

6. Background papers

None

7. Appendices

None

8. Date of Paper

22 August 2006