



PROGRAMME MODIFICATION REPORT

PART A: SUMMARY REPORT

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A1	Programme Specification Title(s)	
<p>Approval: PgDip Advanced Practice and Leadership in Social Work (Higher Specialist PQ Award) MA Advanced Practice and Leadership in Social Work (Advanced PQ Award)</p> <p>Review: Advanced Physiotherapy Practice</p> <p><i>All to be incorporated into The Framework for Continuing Professional, Personal and Practice Development (2007)</i></p>		
A2	Home Department/School	Continuing Professional Development and Postgraduate Studies
A3	Home Faculty	Health, Psychology and Social Care
A4	Type of Event	ADC Modification
A5	Date of Event	14 May 2009
A6	Objectives of Event	
<p>To ensure that the design, academic standards and quality of learning opportunities of the proposed programme, as approved in principle on 20 January 2009 (PAF ref PARM/08/046 refers) and as outlined in 7 below, are appropriate to the awards to which it leads and are informed by reference to institutional regulations and policies, national benchmarks and relevant professional and employment demands.</p> <p>To ensure that the design, academic standards and quality of learning opportunities of the existing programme, together with the proposed developments, as approved in principle on 20 January 2009 (PAF ref PARM/08/046 refers) and as outlined in 7 below, remain appropriate to the award(s) to which the programme leads and are informed by reference to institutional regulations and policies, national benchmarks and relevant professional and employment demands.</p>		
A7	Outline of Proposal/Development(s)	
<p><u>Advanced Physiotherapy Practice</u></p> <p>The Advanced Physiotherapy Practice Programme has been a part of the postgraduate health care provision at Manchester Metropolitan University since its first re-validation in 2004, having previously been within the Manchester School of Physiotherapy. The only major modification since then has been to add "(post-registration)" to the award titles for the MSc Physiotherapy programme, to distinguish it from the MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration) programme, when that was validated in 2006.</p> <p>The proposed incorporation of this programme into the CP3d Framework includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction of four new elective units for the Advanced Physiotherapy Practice 		

Programme awards and as CPD stand-alone (modular) units within the Framework, to make the programme appeal to a wider range of clinicians.

- The re-structuring of the credit rating of some existing units within the Advanced Physiotherapy Practice programme to make them more accessible to modular students and to respond to changes in musculoskeletal physiotherapy management.
- The amendment of the Masters level assessment grading criteria (including regulatory updating) to bring the programme fully into line with MMU Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Programmes of Study.
- The introduction of an additional 'by research' route to the MSc Physiotherapy (post-registration) award to enhance personal and professional development, recognise the increasing contribution that physiotherapists are making to the NHS research agenda and stimulate some students to aspire for a PhD or Professional Doctorate.

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Key features of this proposal:

- There will be three subject specialist routes in line with the GSCC accredited areas: 'Children, Young People, their Families and Carers', 'Leadership & Management' and 'Social Work with Adults'.
- The assessment of all the units within this programme is to include academic and practice assessment and elements of work-based learning, to meet GSCC requirements.
- The Higher Specialist Award (PgDip) level will comprise three core units (20 credits each) for all students and a further three 20 credit units from the subject specialist route, or an approved combination of subject specialist units with selected units available within the wider CP3d framework and the Institute of Education.
- The Advanced Award (MA) level will build on the above with a 20 credit research methods unit and a 40 credit research dissertation.
- Units from this programme will also be available to individuals and employers from related professional groups as discrete post-registration training / CPD units (thus promoting inter-professional learning).

A8 Conduct of the Event and Panel Membership

The event, comprising private panel meetings and meetings of the panel with members of the programme teams, representatives of current and former students and service users and carers, was held at the Elizabeth Gaskell Campus.

The panel included the following internal members:

- Ms Sue Bailey (Chair)
- Dr Liz Price (Chair Observer)
- Mr Martin King (FADC member)
- Ms Judith Canham (Dean of Faculty representative)
- Ms Janet Edgar (Head of Faculty and Campus SAS representative)
- Miss Emma Wingate (Panel Secretary)

Apologies were received from Mr Rob Baker, CASQE representative.

The panel included the following external members appointed by the Head of Academic Standards & Quality Enhancement after nomination by the Faculty:

- Dr Jane Boylan (Keele University)
- Dr Alison Rushton (University of Birmingham, also representing the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and the Manipulation Association of Chartered Physiotherapists)

The panel included the following external member representing the professional body indicated:

- Ms Clare Watson (General Social Care Council)

A9	Documentary Evidence Base
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- Draft revised definitive document for The Framework for Continuing Professional, Personal and Practice Development (including updated programme specification and summary CVs for new teaching staff)
- Self-evaluation document for Advanced Physiotherapy Practice, incorporating the following appendices:
 - Report of programme last approval/review event [28 May 2004]
 - Most recent annual Quality Action Plans, monitoring statistics and external examiners reports
 - Summary CVs of teaching staff.
- Programme Approval Form approved in principle

A10	Conclusions on Innovation and Good Practice
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The Panel identified the following aspects of good practice:

Advanced Physiotherapy Practice

1. The quality of student support, of which the students spoke very highly.
2. The flexibility of the programme to suit diverse student needs.
3. The extent to which the programme had developed students' critical thinking skills.
4. The development of the programme so that it can be incorporated into the CP3d Framework.

Social Work PQ Awards

1. The strong relationship with service users
2. The strong and robust proposal supported by very good liaison at regional and local level.
3. The very good breadth and diet of units overall

CP3d Framework

1. The well-organised and presented documentation.
2. The good example of collaborative working illustrated.

A11	Conclusions on Quality and Standards
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The Panel concluded that the intended learning outcomes of the proposed Social Work PQ Awards were achievable by students and appropriate to the standards of the University's awards and that the programme was current and valid in the light of developing knowledge in the discipline and developments in teaching and learning.

The Panel concluded that the intended learning outcomes of the Advanced Physiotherapy Practice programme were being achieved by students, that the standards of the University's awards were being maintained and that the programme as modified remains current and valid in the light of developing knowledge in the discipline, practice in its operation and

developments in teaching and learning.	
A12	Summary of Outcome
<p>The Panel recommended:</p> <p>Initial and continued approval with effect from September 2009, subject to fulfilment of the five conditions in Section A13 below.</p> <p>A full list of the award titles approved may be found in para 5 of the updated programme specification.</p> <p>A full list of changes made as part of this Approval/Review event may be found in Appendix 1 of this report.</p>	
A13	Condition(s) of Approval
<p>The following conditions of approval must be fulfilled before the programme/modified programme may commence:</p> <p><u>Advanced Physiotherapy Practice</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MSc by Research <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) There should be specific route entry-requirements, to ensure students have sufficient practice and research understanding to allow them to meet the programme learning outcomes. b) That the dissertation unit proformas for the MSc by research routes should be revised to contain more specific learning outcomes and assessment criteria; the latter may be contained in section 2.3. c) Both learning outcomes and assessment criteria should be consistent with equivalent dissertation units within CP3d Framework. 2. Rules for condonement should be made explicit in unit proformas. 3. Include a CRB check and health screening as an admissions requirement for the MSc Manual Therapy programme. 4. Give more clarity to the research project component within the "Clinical Placement: Upper Quadrant" unit to meet MACP requirements. <p><u>Social Work PQ Awards</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amend the titles of the PgDip and PgCert post-qualifying awards to the satisfaction of the University and the GSCC. 	
A14	Deadline(s) for Fulfilment of Condition(s)
10 July 2009	
A15	Recommendations
<p>The Programme Team must consider and address explicitly the following recommendations in the course of its annual monitoring processes:</p> <p><u>Advanced Physiotherapy Practice</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximise opportunities for inter-professional learning within individual units. 2. Continue to develop working relationships with employers and stakeholders. 	

<u>Social Work PQ Awards</u>	
1. Consider the development of a Service Level Agreement to formalise service user and carer involvement.	
<u>CP3d Framework</u>	
1. Monitor the integration of Advanced Physiotherapy Practice and post-qualifying Social Work programmes into the CP3d Framework.	
2. Continue to monitor the way in which unit information and availability is communicated to students.	
A16	Date of next scheduled review
The next scheduled periodic review of the programmes will be held during the 2010/11 academic year.	

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A17	Date Report considered by Head of ASQE	8 September 2009
A18	Date of CASQE Recommendation to AQSSc	16 September 2009

End of PARMRPT(A)

PART C: RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS: STATUS REPORT

Programme Title	Advanced Physiotherapy Practice PgDip Advanced Practice and Leadership in Social Work (Higher Specialist PQ Award) MA Advanced Practice and Leadership in Social Work (Advanced PQ Award)
Type of Event	ADC Modification
Date of Event	14 May 2009
Deadline for fulfilment of Conditions	10 July 2009
Panel Chair	Ms Sue Bailey

1	Action Taken in Response to Condition(s)
	<p>Social Work PQ Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E-mail sent to Faculty Quality Assurance Administrator by Head of Social Work confirming new title on 29 June; - Definitive document updated and submitted to FQAA 7 July. <p>Advanced Physiotherapy Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E-mail sent to FQAA by Programme Leader on 7 July with response to conditions (see separate memo) and amended definitive document pages attached.
2	Documentation submitted to Chair for approval
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final response to conditions - E-mail from Head of Social Work re new award titles - Amended CP3d Framework definitive document volumes 1 & 4

3	Confirmation of approval
	<p>I confirm that I am satisfied that the conditions of approval have been fulfilled.</p> <p>Signed: Sue Bailey (Signed hard copy in CASQE files)</p> <p>Date: 12 July 2009</p>

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C3	Date(s) Response to Conditions considered by Head of ASQE	8 September 2009
C4	Date(s) CASQE Recommendation(s) on conditions submitted to AQSSc	16 September 2009
C5	Date of final AQSSc approval	16 September 2009

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