



PROGRAMME REVIEW REPORT

PART A: SUMMARY REPORT

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Manchester
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A1	Programme Specification Title(s)	
Social Work Studies Programme		
A2	Home Department/School	Professional Registration Department
A3	Home Faculty	Health, Psychology and Social Care
A4	Type of Event	Review
A5	Date of Event	22 April 2008
A6	Objectives of Event	
<p>To ensure that the design, academic standards and quality of learning opportunities of the existing programme(s), together with the proposed developments, as approved in principle on 29 August 2007 (PAF ref PARM/07/035 refers) and as outlined in 7 below, remain appropriate to the awards to which the programmes lead 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>The BA (Hons) Social Work and the PgDip / MA Social Work and the Youth and Community Programmes are part of the Social and Community Studies Programme that was considered at two reviews, 18th July 2002 and 13th May 2003. This second review was organised to incorporate new regulations in social work education that had been introduced and the new social work programme could not be delivered until September 2003. In addition, approval of the General Social Care Council (GSCC) to run the new programme was required and this was agreed on 23rd October 2002. This was confirmed on 18th July 2003 after the full University review. These programmes were run on a full time basis.</p> <p>An ASC Modification was undertaken on 4th March 2003 to approve the provision of two additional routes to be delivered at Stockport College. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full time BA (Hons) Social Work Programme at levels 4 and 5, with the students transferring to MMU to complete level 6 • a four year BA (Hons) Social Work programme that consisted of levels 4 and 5 completed part time over three years at Stockport College with level 6 to be completed on a full time basis at MMU. <p>MMU received accreditation from the General Social Care Council to run these programmes at Stockport College on 27th January 2004.</p> <p>As part of the Social and Community Studies Programme, the Social Work programmes at MMU were taught jointly with Youth and Community Work programmes. However the aims and objectives of these programmes have diverged over the years and in September 2005, the decision was reached to teach these students separately. This allowed for the focus of the teaching to be on the particular professional requirements. The electives programme has</p>		

continued to be offered to all students. An aim of this review will be to separate these programmes but some Youth and Community Work electives will continue to be available on the Social Work programmes as this provides opportunities for inter-professional working. The new programme will therefore become a Social Work Programme. The final awards will continue to be BA (Hons) Social Work, PgDip Social Work and MA Social Work.

These awards are mature programmes and have run successfully during the period since the last review. External Examiners and other stakeholders associated with the programme indicate that these are successful programmes that do not require major changes. There are a number of changes to be introduced in the curriculum and assessment of the programme and these incorporate responses to developments in social work practice and some identified issues in the programme.

The collaborative partnership with Stockport College is working well and it is anticipated that the close collaboration will continue to ensure a consistent programme and student experience.

It is planned to introduce the changes in the programme for the Year 1 PgDip/MA Social Work students and for the Level 4 BA (Hons) Social Work students in September 2008. All other students will continue on the existing programme.

A8	Conduct of the Event and Panel Membership
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The event, comprising private panel meetings and meetings of the panel with members of the programme team [and representatives of current/former students], was held on the Didsbury Campus.

The panel included the following internal members:

- Dr Ian Eastwood (Chair)
- Mr Neil Symon (Chair Observer)
- Mr Clive McGoun (FADC member)
- Mr Robert Baker (CASQE officer)
- Miss Peggy Cooke (Principal Lecturer for Quality and Dean of Faculty representative)
- Ms Janet Edgar (Faculty Registrar representative and Acting Panel Secretary)

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

- Professor Eric Blyth, University of Huddersfield
- Mr Martin Sheedy, Liverpool John Moores University

A9	Documentary Evidence Base
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- Draft definitive document (including updated programme specification)
- Self evaluation document incorporating the following appendices:
 - Report of programme last approval/review event [18 July 2002 & 13 May 2003] and account of action taken in response
 - Most recent annual Quality Action Plans, monitoring statistics and external examiners reports for both home and partner institutions
 - Summary CVs of teaching staff
 - Minutes of recent Programme Committee meetings
- Programme Approval Form approved in principle

A10	Conclusions on Innovation and Good Practice
<p>The Panel identified the following aspects of good practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standard of the documentation, which was considered exemplary; • The way in which all members of the Programme Team participated in the event, which demonstrated the cohesiveness and commitment of the team; • The Programme Team's investment in their relationship with students and with the service users and carers group; • The utilisation of drop in clinics for students to discuss assessment feedback; • The range of electives on the programme. 	
A11	Conclusions on Quality and Standards
<p>The Panel concluded that the intended learning outcomes of the 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.</p>	
A12	Summary of Outcome
<p>The Panel recommended:</p> <p>Continued approval with effect from September 2008 subject to fulfilment of the 2 conditions in Section A13 below.</p> <p>A full list of the award titles approved may be found in paragraph 2 of the updated programme specification.</p> <p>A full list of changes made as part of this 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 modified programme may commence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Programme Team are to make amendments to the Definitive Document to ensure that there is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explicit identification of Mental Health curriculum matters in unit descriptors; • Identification of assessment task options within unit proformas; • Identification in Section 3.2.2 of exemptions and variations from the University Regulations for Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Programmes of Study; • Consistent use of unit titles throughout the document, e.g. in unit proformas and the programme specification, and to specifically correct the error in the unit title of the Mental Health unit; • Removal of the term 'pathways'. 2. The Programme Team are to clearly identify in the Definitive Document the systems and procedures relating to practice learning quality assurance. 	
A14	Deadline(s) for Fulfilment of Condition(s)
<p>9 May 2008.</p>	

A15	Recommendations
<p>The Programme Team must consider and address explicitly the following recommendation(s) in the course of its annual monitoring processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor the arrangements for the transition of students from Stockport College to the University; • Keep under review the use of ECDL and explore alternative equivalent approaches; • Ensure the representation of all students on the programme committee, specifically part time and franchise students; • After 12 months, review and evaluate the attendance system to ensure that it is equitable, fair and effective. 	
A16	Date of next scheduled review
<p>The next scheduled periodic review of the programme(s) will be held during the academic year 2012/13.</p>	

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A17	Date Report considered by Head of ASQE	
A18	Date of CASQE Recommendation to AQSSc	<i>17 September 2008</i>

End of PARMRPT(A)

PART C: RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS: STATUS REPORT

Programme Title	Social Work Studies
Type of Event	Review
Date of Event	22 April 2008
Deadline for fulfilment of Conditions	9 May 2008
Panel Chair	Dr Ian Eastwood

Response to be approved by <i>(indicate as appropriate)</i>	
Panel Chair on behalf of Panel	Y
All/designated Panel Member <i>(please specify)</i>	

1	Action Taken in Response to Condition(s)
	Programme Team submitted written response to conditions of approval on 9 May 2008 (see separate memo).
2	Documentation submitted to for approval
	Programme Team's response to conditions submitted to Panel Chair on 12 May 2008. Panel Chair approved Programme Team's response to conditions on 19 May 2008. Response to conditions and Chair's approval forwarded to CASQE on 23 June 2008.

3	Panel Chair/Panel Member Comments

4	Confirmation of approval
	I confirm that I am satisfied that the conditions of approval have been fulfilled.
	Signed: Signed hard copy available in CASQE files
	Date:

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C3	Date(s) Response to Conditions considered by Head of ASQE	
C4	Date(s) CASQE Recommendation(s) on conditions submitted to AQSSc	17 September 2008
C5	Date of final AQSSc approval	17 September 2008

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