

General Pharmaceutical Council

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Dear Professor D'Emanuele,

Re: MPharm degree with preparatory year

As you will be aware, from the current academic year onwards the GPhC will be accrediting Master of Pharmacy (MPharm) degrees with a preparatory year separately to the MPharm degree. This will allow us to have an increased oversight of the variations of the MPharm degree that lead to registration this us, and provide greater transparency and clarity to prospective students and other stakeholders. Prior to this, the GPhC has taken assurance that the 4-year MPharm degree that sits within this wider course is fully accredited by the GPhC.

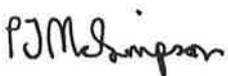
As accreditation events occur on a cyclical basis, and therefore not all schools of pharmacy are due an accreditation event during the 2020-21 academic year, we asked for schools offering this course type, but not due an accreditation event, to provide a written submission against the standards for assurance of the course provision in the interim period.

Thank you for providing submission documentation and accompanying evidence relating to the two versions of MPharm degrees with a preparatory year provided by De Montfort University ('MPharm with Year Zero' and 'MPharm with International Year Zero'). Following review of this, I am satisfied that it remains suitable for you to continue offering these courses until they can undergo accreditation at your next event. These versions of your MPharm degree continue to be accepted as qualifications accepted for registration as a pharmacist with the GPhC in the interim period.

At the next event, both versions of your MPharm degree with preparatory year will undergo a formal accreditation process, alongside the reaccreditation of your MPharm degree. This will be to the **Standards for the initial education and training of pharmacists, 2021**.

I will be in touch in due course to discuss arrangements for your next MPharm accreditation event. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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