



BRITISH ACCREDITATION COUNCIL INSPECTION REPORT

INTERIM INSPECTION (Online, Distance & Blended Learning)

ORGANISATION: College of Practical Homeopathy UK Ltd

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Accreditation status: Accredited

Date of inspection: 16 February 2014

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE DECISION AND DATE: Continued accreditation 13 March 2014

PART A - INTRODUCTION

1. Background to the provider

The College of Practical Homeopathy (CPH or the College) is a small institution based in North London. It has existed for about 25 years, having been established by one of the pioneers of Homeopathic practice in the UK. Its present incarnation dates from 2003 when it was redefined and reincorporated as a company limited by guarantee, with its current management.

CPH is in the process of transition to be primarily an online training provider. Its accreditation expired in April 2013. Following discussions with BAC, it was agreed that CPH were to be inspected under the Online, Distance and Blended Learning (ODBL) scheme. Accreditation as an ODBL provider was awarded by the AC in May 2013.

2. Brief description of the current provision

CPH is a small college although, by homeopathic standards, it is probably the second largest in the UK. For the past 10 years it has been run at the former premises in Finchley. The College relocated to the current premises in the beginning of the academic year of 2013.

3. Inspection process

The interim inspection was conducted by one inspector on a Sunday at the new premises, when both part-time and full-time students were present.

4. Inspection history

Full inspection:	7 and 8 December 2008
Interim inspection:	25 January 2010
Reaccreditation inspection:	15 and 16 March 2013

PART B – JUDGEMENTS AND EVIDENCE

The following judgements and comments are based upon evidence seen by the inspector(s) during the inspection and from documentation provided by the provider.

1. Significant changes since the last inspection

(If there has been a change of premises which has not been reported on previously, please include a full report on the new premises)

In the beginning of the academic year of 2013/14, CPH moved as planned from their premises in Finchley to Islington. The new premises are on the first floor of the Healthy Living Centre in the borough of Islington. There are very good overground and underground transport links. There is adequate signage both inside and outside the building for all users.

CPH rents a permanent small office on the first floor of the Healthy Living Centre and they also rent three rooms by the day on three days a month in order to complete the attendance training.

Access to the premises, which is located on the first floor of the building, is appropriately restricted and secure. The premises are clean and in an adequate state of repair. Low cost parking is available and is free on Sundays and the area is outside the congestion zone.

General guidance on health and safety is made available to all users of the building and to staff and learners of CPH. There is adequate heating and ventilation in all the rooms. Toilet facilities are clean and well maintained.

There is a small fully fitted kitchen. Drinking water and tea making facilities are provided free of charge and there are many local places to eat around the centre. Students are asked to keep the premises clean and tidy, wash their cups up and use the bins provided. This is according to CPH good practice for students to develop an awareness of some of the skills they will need when they begin to run their own practices.

Training rooms are adequate for the small class sizes, as most of the students are now being taught by online distance and blended learning.

All relevant health and safety policies and procedures are in place. There is an appointed First Aider on the premises during teaching sessions and a first aid kit in the office. The premises meet all requirements of the Fire Regulations. Fire extinguishers and other equipment and systems are checked regularly by external agencies.

There is no disabled access to the premises. However, there is provision to deliver training via external clinics and the ODBL programmes. The students have access to a full homeopathic pharmacy which is based on the ground floor.

2. Compliance with BAC accreditation requirements

2.1 Management, Staffing and Administration

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
Comments The Directors and staff are actively involved in setting the standards for the training of vocational homeopathy, with an integrated syllabus, a unique practitioner development module and a dynamic student clinical practice.				

2.2 Teaching, Learning and Achievement

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
Comments The Co-ordination and ongoing monitoring of teaching, learning and achievement are effectively conducted with the use of the drop box, webmaster, and moodle and of externally outsourced ICT systems.				

2.3 Learner Support

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
Comments Online evidence is available to indicate one to one Tutorial support in direct response to the individual learning needs of students				

2.4 Management of Quality

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
Comments Management have a hands-on approach to quality management. Online systems are constantly being reviewed and upgraded to review and monitor performance.				

2.5 Premises and Facilities – face-to-face component

	Met	Partially met	Not met	NA
The standards are judged to be	✓			
Comments All legal documentation is in place for security of tenure on the premises. The premises are safe and secure for face-to-face learners and for conducting seminars and workshops.				

PART C – SUMMARY OF STRENGTHS AND ACTION POINTS

Provider’s strengths

CPH staff play an active role in developments in the Homeopathic sector. Staff are involved in the Homeopathic Course Providers Forum (HCPF) which is the key body working towards a common regulatory framework for registration and regulation of individual homeopaths and who also run the HCPF Quality Assurance Scheme for course providers, the accreditation system for homeopathic training colleges.

Actions required	Priority H/M/L
None	

COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Declaration of compliance has been signed and dated.	YES
Further comments, if applicable N/A	