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Accreditation assessment report.

Programme: General medical education programme of Medical School at the Maldives National University

Facility assessed: Addu Equatorial Hospital (AEH), Addu, Maldives

Subject areas: Community Medicine – Year 3, posting of 3 weeks

MMDC accreditation team assessment period: 25 and 26 of December 2021

Scope of assessment:

The team assessed the teaching facilities preparedness and capacity of the facility in relation to the MMDC accreditation standards for primary medical education programmes, particularly standards 5 and 6, relevant to the management, administration of teaching and learning, and delivery of the specific subject learning objectives at teaching hospitals.

Summary of Findings:

A number of accreditations standards are not established to a satisfactory level. The main gaps are with regard to management and administration of the programme. These include the following.

1. Lacks necessary documentation on management arrangements between MNU and AEH that outlines the responsibilities obligations of the teaching hospital and the medical school (Standard 6.2.6 and 6.3.9)
2. There is neither a designated physical space for students to do their learning and assignments at the hospital nor procedures for accessing hospital resources, medical records and internet (Standard 6.4.1)
3. Teaching unit not established in the hospital, and teaching focal point identified, but no documentary evidence of their responsibilities. Teaching focal point is not aware of the learning objectives (Standard 6.2.5)
4. There is no evidence of the mechanism for the medical education provider to supervise and monitor clinical supervisors at the teaching hospital (Standard 6.5.1)
5. Practitioners who will be involved in teaching and supervisors of postings at the hospital not identified, their responsibilities not defined (including time commitment) and department heads not aware of the learning objectives of the students (Standard 6.5.3 and 6.5.4)
6. Scheduling done and logbook in place, but no system for attendance monitoring (Standard 6.3.4 and 6.3.5)
7. Teaching faculty/supervisor with medical qualification and community medicine is not available at the hospital. There is no evidence that faculty form medical school for the subject will be stationed at the hospital anytime during the posting. For other clinical areas qualified supervisor is available (Standard 6.2.5; Standard 5.4.4)
8. For the subject of community medicine, community-based interventions are not carried out by the hospital. Patient volumes and clinical equipment and material are appropriate in clinical departments. (Standard 6.2.2 and 6.2.4)



9. Students are expected to carry out community survey after 2pm daily, yet there is no mechanism at the hospital to guide and monitor them (Standard 6.5.3 and 6.5.4)

Decisions of accreditation team

1. The AEH hospital does not satisfactorily meet the accreditation standards required for a teaching hospital.
2. The AEH hospital does not satisfactorily meet the accreditation standards for delivery of community medicine posting.
3. Any programme conducted at the AEH prior to a provisional accreditation will not be recognised by the MMDC.
4. MNU medical school should delay placement of student at AEH for posting of students of the primary medical education programme until the hospital develops a provision for accreditation.

Recommendations

1. MNU medical school in collaboration with AEH should conduct a self-assessment study to ensure the hospital meets the MMDC accreditation standards for management and administration and subject specific requirements of the primary medical education programme, prior to placing any students at the teaching hospital.
2. MNU medical school should delay the placement of student at AEH for posting/starting the programme and establish the capacity and processes to fill the main gaps noted in the findings as a priority before commencing the student learning activities and inform MMDC with evidence from self-assessment.
3. Upon submission of evidence from medical school, MMDC shall undertake an assessment within 3-5 days to enable resumption of the programme without delay.

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Endorsed by MMDC at its meeting on 28/12/2021.

Appendix: Accreditation assessment checklist of AEH.

