



Council
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Registration report

Classification	Public
Purpose	To note the registration statistics for the six-months to 30 September 2023.
Issue	The paper provides an update on registration activity covering the six-month period from 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023.
Recommendation	To note the content of the report.
Financial and resourcing implications	Council will be aware that the primary source of income for the GOsC is from registration fees, and therefore any movement in the Register has an impact on our annual income.
Equality and diversity implications	The paper provides a range of data about our registrants which relates to equality and diversity, for example, age profile and gender balance.
Communications implications	None
Annex	None
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Key messages from the paper:

- At the end of September 2023 there were 5,520 osteopaths on the Register.
- The number of non-practising registrants stands at 153 at the end of September 2023.
- Eight return to practise assessments were completed in the reporting period. Thirteen registration assessments, connected to internationally qualified applicants were completed.

Background

1. The registration report to Council provides detailed information about the statistics and activities which have been undertaken within the Registration team and covers the six months from 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023.

Registration data

Number of registrants and gender split

2. At the end of September 2023, the Register contained 5,520 osteopaths of which 51.74% of registrants are female (2,856) and 48.26% are male (2,664).
3. Eleven years ago (March 2012) the Register contained 4,584 osteopaths, with the female to male registrant ratio being 49:51. Over this period the Register has grown by just over 930 osteopaths and there are now a greater proportion of female registrants compared to male registrants.
4. The age breakdown of the Register at the end of September 2023 was:

Age	Total registrants	Of which	
		Practising	Non-practising
Under or equal to 30	755	735	20
31-40	1,190	1,137	53
41-50	1,414	1,383	31
51-60	1,440	1,409	31
61-70	625	610	15
71-80	88	85	3
81+	8	8	0

5. 13% of the register are aged 61+. This is something which we need to factor into the longer term financial planning for the GOsC, as a reasonable assumption is that a fair proportion of registrants in this group may leave the Register in the next 5-10 years.

Entrants to the Register

Total number of entrants to the Register	199
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of which

First time applications	180
Restorations to the Register	19

of which

Number of registrants living in the UK	187
Number of registrants living in the EU	3
Number of registrants living outside of the EU	9

Removals from the Register

Total number of removals (excluding resignations, retirements and death)	22
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of which, those removed for

Non-compliance with CPD	1
Non-payment of fee	13
Unacceptable professional conduct	1
Under PII Rules	7
Fraudulent application to the Register	-

6. Since the reporting of statistics to Council began, 414 registrants have been removed from the Register. The data below sub-analyses the removal from the Register data into different categories including age and gender.

Removals from the Register (age)

7. Of those registrants removed from the Register, 73% (304 registrants) were below the age of 50.

8. The age range per reason for removal is set out in the table below.

Age range	Number of registrants	Removed for fee non-payment	Removed for CPD non-compliance	Removed under FtP proceedings	Removed under PII Rules or fraudulent application
20-29	71 (17%)	49 (26%)	19 (14%)	1 (4%)	2 (4%)
30-39	122 (30%)	60 (31%)	47 (33%)	3 (12%)	12 (22%)
40-49	111 (27%)	46 (24%)	39 (28%)	9 (36%)	17 (31%)
50-59	66 (16%)	23 (12%)	27 (19%)	6 (24%)	10 (16%)
60-69	31 (7%)	8 (4%)	6 (4%)	5 (16%)	12 (22%)
70+	13 (3%)	5 (3%)	3 (2%)	2 (8%)	3 (5%)
Total	414	191	141	26	56

Removals from the Register (gender)

9. The total number of registrants removed from the Register since reporting of statistics to Council began in October 2011, indicates 56:44 split between male to female registrants removed from the Register.

Gender	Number of registrants	Removed for fee non-payment	Removed for CPD non-compliance	Removed under FtP proceedings	Removed under PII Rules or fraudulent application
Male	233 (56%)	104	74	25	30
Female	181 (44%)	87	67	1	26
Total	414	191	141	26	56

Reasons for resignations

Total number of resignations	80
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of which, the reasons cited were

Moving overseas	19
Ill health/deceased	7
Career change	4
No longer practising	0
Cannot afford fee/meet renewal requirements/Covid 19	2
Taking a sabbatical	1
Family/personal reasons	2
Full-time study	0
Retired	22
Does not like GOsC/agree with policy	1
No reason provided	22

10. The number of resignations is consistent with the same period in the previous year (63 in 2022) which reflects the nature of registrations that happen monthly rather than at a single point in time.

Non-practising registrants

Total number of registrants who are listed as non-practising	153
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11. Based on the statistics reported to Council since October 2011, at any one-time GOsC has on average 154 registrants who are out of clinical contact with patients. The main reason for registrants to be listed as 'non-practising' is because of maternity leave.

Return to practice activity

12. We offer a return to practice process to all applicants who have been away from UK practice for two years or more to support their transition back to practice. This process involves a self-assessment activity, which may then be followed by a meeting with two trained Return to Practice Reviewers.

Total number of applicants who went through the Return to Practice self-assessment process	8
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International Registration Assessment activity

13. A total of thirteen registration assessments were completed in the reporting period.

Number of Non-UK Review of Qualifications	5
Number of Further Evidence of Practice forms	4
Number of Assessments of Clinical Performance	4

14. In the year 2022-23, we conducted 50 return to practice and international registration assessments (31 in 2021-22).

Recommendation:

To note the content of the report.