



**Education and Registration Standards Committee**  
**13 October 2015**  
**Subject Benchmark Statement and Guidance on Osteopathic Pre-Registration Education**

<b>Classification</b>	Public
<b>Purpose</b>	For noting
<b>Issue</b>	Update on publication of the Subject Benchmark Statement and Guidance on Osteopathic Pre-Registration Education
<b>Recommendation</b>	To note the publication of the Benchmark and Guidance.
<b>Financial and resourcing implications</b>	None
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b>	None
<b>Communications implications</b>	None
<b>Annexes</b>	None
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## Background

1. The Committee has been closely involved with the development of both the QAA *Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy* and the GOsC's Guidance on Osteopathic Pre-Registration (GOPRE).
2. The documents were last considered by the Committee as follows:
  - a. March 2015 – the Committee noted the approval by Council of the revised GOPRE guidance.
  - b. June 2015 – the Committee noted that following initial consultation the *Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy* had been updated and the document had been circulated for comment from additional readers across health professional organisations and higher education before publication.
3. At its meeting in March 2015, the Committee noted that we intended to revisit the recommendation of the *Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education* (GOPRE) Working Group regarding the possible need for more explicit standards for the delivery of education, including assessment, once the *Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy* had been published.
4. The Benchmark was published in July 2015 and is available on the QAA website at: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/SBS-Osteopathy-15.pdf>
5. The publication of the GOPRE guidance was delayed over the summer period but will be available very shortly on the GOsC website at: <http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/training-and-registration/information-for-education-providers/>
6. There has not yet been an opportunity for detailed discussions internally or with the osteopathic educational institutions about the implementation of the GOPRE guidance and the Working Group's recommendation at 3 above.
7. This work is expected to recommence shortly and continue into 2015-16

**Recommendation:** to note the publication of the Benchmark and Guidance.