Education Committee 14 March 2012 Student Fitness to Practise Implementation programme

Classification	Public
Purpose	For decision
<u>Issues</u>	To consider the development of the Student Fitness to Practise Implementation Programme – Professionalism in Osteopathy Research Group Pilot.
Recommendations	To endorse the progress of the Student Implementation Work – Professionalism in Osteopathy Research Pilot.
Financial and resourcing implications	The cost of the Professionalism in Research Group Project is £12 000. This money has been saved during the 2011/2012 financial year and provided the opportunity to develop and own revised tools.
Equality and diversity implications	None at present.
<u>Communications</u> implications	None at present.
<u>Annexes</u>	Annex A – GOsC / OEI Briefing Sheet about the development of poly-professionalism tools. Annex B – Project specification.
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Background

- 1. The GOsC Corporate Plan states that we will 'identify ways in which the GOsC can provide support to OEIs in making fair and consistent fitness to practise decisions, to ensure that only those students who are fit to practise are awarded a RQ.' It also states that we will 'provide information and guidance to OEIs on how they can effectively comply with their equality duties under anti-discrimination law.'
- 2. The GOsC 2011/2012 Business Plan states that we will 'develop a plan for implementation of the Guidance by April 2012.
- 3. On 22 September 2011, the Education Committee noted the responses to the Student Fitness to Practise Guidance and particularly noted the plans to discuss piloting a proposed e-learning tool to explore the development of professionalism, subject to discussions with OEIs. At that time, the Committee also noted that the cost would be minimal in the region of £1000 or £2000.
- 4. On 17 November 2011, at the GOsC / OEI meeting, the OEIs received a presentation from Sue Roff on the development of her poly-professionalism tool. Further details are attached at Annex A. The OEIs agreed to pilot poly professionalism e-learning programme. The GOsC agreed to develop a specification with Sue Roff and the OEIs for further agreement both within GOsC and with the OEIs.
- On 15 December 2011, the Education Committee finalised the suite of Student Fitness to Practise Guidance and Guidance about the management of disability or health impairments. The Committee also noted the note of the GOsC / OEI meeting on 17 November 2011.
- 6. The Student Fitness to practise guidance sets out specific requirements about the teaching and learning of professional behaviours as part of the RQ.
- 7. In January 2012, the F and GP Committee noted the revised costings for the Polyprofessionalism pilot had risen from £1000 to £12000 and the draft pilot specification for the project.
- 8. The Committee noted that at the time of the September discussions at Education Committee, the original costings were based on collaboration with the University of Dundee with the University of Dundee retaining ownership of the tools. However, as we have explored this further and, as the programme is now being offered externally to the University of Dundee and we will be able to own all rights in the tools, we anticipate that the budget required is now larger. The new total cost of £12000 can be accommodated within the existing budget for student fitness to practise work as cost savings have been made in other areas related to design and consultation analysis and engagement which was carried out in house.

- 9. The Committee also noted that the cost will also support the delivery of aspects of our Osteopathic Practice Standards Implementation Plan both in terms of the undergraduate programme but also in terms of specialist development of electronic scenarios for registered osteopaths as part of the OPS Implementation programme.
- 10. As a result of this information, the F and GP were content for the Executive to go ahead with this one year pilot and to waive the procurement requirements in relation to this as the contract sum exceeds the procurement threshold.
- 11. This paper sets out the detail and progress of the project and asks the Education Committee to endorse the progress of the pilot.

Discussion

Specification for the Student Fitness to Practice implementation programme – Professionalism in Osteopathy Research pilot

- 12. The specification for the project is attached at Annex B. This sets out the resources, costs, outcomes and risks of the project. This specification was considered by the F and GP during January 2012.
- 13. This is an exciting project with the potential to deliver the following benefits for patients and for osteopathy in general:
 - There are currently no tools to measure professionalism at undergraduate level or for registered osteopaths. This represents a potential risk for patients and the public and for osteopaths. The relative isolation of the profession means that there is no way of testing norms. The tools proposed in this programme of work could help osteopaths to reflect on professional behaviours in context quickly and easily in a formative way which will support the development of good practice.
 - At the conclusion of the work, we will have GOsC owned tools for measuring professionalism and identifying norms in behaviour in both the undergraduate pre-clinical and clinical education. Requirements about teaching and learning professional behaviours are set out in our Student Fitness to Practise Guidance. We will also have GOsC owned tools for osteopaths in practice which will also contribute to our Osteopathic Practice Standards implementation programme (and thus will represent a cost saving to this work.) The tools will be available for OEIs and will contribute to the development of the teaching of professional behaviours in undergraduate osteopathic education. The tools will also be available for osteopaths to use in a formative way to support their own self reflections.
 - We will, through this process, work alongside the OEIs gaining ethical approval for this work up to the point of submitting an article from an academic in this

area. This experience will strengthen research expertise and analysis both at GOsC and within the OEIs with all the development benefits that will bring.

- 14. The expected outcomes of the projects are as follows:
 - A customised elearning/assessing/measuring programme for OEIS (fully owned by GOsC) to use for individual/progress/longitudinal/comparative teaching and monitoring of professionalism.
 - A customised elearning/assessing/measuring programme for osteopaths (fully owned by GOsC) to use for individual monitoring of professionalism.
 - Customised scenarios for registered osteopaths to explore how the values learned at undergraduate level endure in registered osteopaths.
 - Papers sufficient for submitting for publication on e.g. learning curve of osteopath students/trainees for submission to publications.
 - A report evaluating the costs and benefits of the process for stakeholders to feed into future thinking and development on this area.
- 15. The project is progressing well. All Osteopathic Education Institutions, except Swansea University have been recruited to the project. Swansea University are interested observers and they are observers to the group.
- 16. The first meeting of the group took place on 22 February 2012 after the GOsC / OEI meeting. Representatives considered the development of the current surveys in use in the medical schools and considered the content of those surveys and adapted them to the Osteopathic context. A further Bristol Online survey was also sent out during w/c 5 March 2012 to enable the content of the surveys to be finalised by the end of March.
- 17. A draft ethics application has also been prepared for all the OEIs to enable them to seek ethical approval – allowing for data to be collected, analysed and published. Sue Roff is supporting the OEIs in the further development of the Ethics application at each OEI.
- 18. We will keep the Committee informed of the progress of this work.

Recommendation

19. To endorse the progress of the Student Implementation Work – Professionalism in Osteopathy Research Pilot.

Student Fitness to Practise Briefing Sheet

Purpose

 The purpose of this item is to receive a presentation from Sue Roff, Medical Educationalist at the University of Dundee about a pilot e-learning tool about professionalism to support OEIs and students during the RQ course. The OEIs are requested to consider and advise GOsC about any potential benefits to students, OEIs or GOsC in piloting the tool to inform the GOsCs e-learning strategy.

Background

- 2. The award of a 'Recognised Qualification' (RQ) leading to registration with the GOsC, subject to health and character requirements, means that a student has reached the required standard of proficiency, with a commitment to abide by ethical and other standards stated in the published *Code of Practice*. These standards will be much more integrated when the Osteopathic Practise Standards come into force on 1 September 2012.
- 3. The GOsC has published a statement that confirms 'if no additional information is available to the General Osteopathic Council, it would not normally expect to refuse registration to a person who has been awarded a RQ. This means that the award of the RQ will normally lead to registration with the General Osteopathic Council.'
- 4. This places a duty on Osteopathic Educational Institutions (OEIs) to emphasise both the academic and the professional aspects of practice during undergraduate education and before the award of the RQ.
- 5. In order to support both students and OEIs in ensuring that students are committed to practising in accordance with the conduct and ethical standards of the Osteopathic Practise Standards (currently outlined in the Code of Practice) at the point of registration, we have prepared two guidance documents under the auspices of a Student Fitness to Practise Working Group comprising students, osteopaths, OEI staff and lay people:
 - a. Guidance about Professional Behaviours and Fitness to Practise for Osteopathic Students.
 - b. Guidance for Osteopathic Educational Institutions.
- 6. Part of the guidance states:

'There should be a continual dialogue about professionalism which runs throughout osteopathic pre-registration education. Students should be supported to learn professional behaviours....Individuals must take responsibility for their own fitness to

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practise... Individuals should also take steps to raise concerns about others where appropriate.'

- 7. A consultation on the Guidance took place between 1 May 2011 and 1 September 2011.
- 8. The consultation responses were supportive of the Guidance. Responses were received from OEIs, students, osteopaths, the BOA, other regulatory bodies and CHRE. A full consultation analysis is available on request.
- 9. It is hoped that the Guidance will be agreed for publication before the end of 2011.

Next steps

- 10. Implementation of the guidance will be crucial.
- 11. As part of the consultation the attached response about a way to implement the guidance was received.
- 12. The OEIs are requested to consider and advise GOsC about any potential benefits to students, OEIs or GOsC in piloting the tool to inform the GOsCs e-learning strategy.
- 13. A GOsC budget may be available for this work if there are potential benefits to be explored through piloting.

Consultation Question 14: WHAT SHOULD THE GOSC DO TO SUPPORT THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS GUIDANCE BOTH FOR THE OSTEOPATHIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOR STUDENTS?

The GOsC's document on Student Fitness to Practise Consultation states

Para 12: All OEIs are expected to have a published statement about how student fitness to practise is managed and incorporated into the RQ course.

Para 15: ...The standards of acceptable behaviour required prior to and during their course may be different to those required of registered practitioners. Different standards of behaviour may also be required from students at different stages of their course. For instance, a fitness to practise issue which arises in Year 1 prior to any patient contact may be treated differently to the same fitness to practise issue which is identified in the final year of education and training. A defined approach to the ways in which learning professional behaviour will be addressed during the course is important to assist student understanding of professional requirements at different points in the course.

Para 20: There should be a continual dialogue about professionalism which runs throughout osteopathic pre-registration education. Students should be supported to learn professional behaviours.

Para 21: Individuals must take responsibility for their own fitness to practise... Individuals should also take steps to raise concerns about others where appropriate.

Section 7 on Implementation calls for

- Development of interactive media to support the implementation of the Code
- Supporting inter-OEI panel membership to increase knowledge, learning and consistency of decisions

Proposal

We have developed 2 electronic inventories around 72 forms of misconduct that we have identified at the pre-clinical and proto-clinical stages of health professions education, before the students have any clinical responsibility beyond observation. We ask respondents to engage in the judgements around the appropriate sanctions and responses to observed lapses in professionalism in order to help them learn the standards expected of them.

The inventories are currently on Bristol Online Survey; they are self-calibrating and easy to export to Excel etc for individualised reports or cohort and comparative analyses. They could be used as

- a stand-alone teaching programme from the earliest days of entry into the OEI with full electronic response/data management to permit individual or cohort tracking, perhaps longuitudinally
- a device for identifying the 'consistent sanctions' among the OEIS sought by the Council on Healthcare Regulatory Excellence and the GOsC Draft Fitness to Practise Guidance for Students
- an aide to undergraduate Fitness to Practice decision making in individual OEIs
- a strategy for promoting a culture of 'local responsibility' for lapses in professionalism

It is proposed that the General Osteopathic Council use these resources to establish an e-learning programme in the ten OEIs that will also enable monitoring of students' understanding of professionalism as they progress through the course (perhaps as individual and cohort learning curves).

The elearning resources are currently being used in 7 UK medical schools (in cooperation with the Medical Schools Council) and in health sciences programmes in Indonesia, the USA, Ireland and Australia.

The elearning programmes could be franchised as a resource by the GOsC or managed as a commissioned project from the University of Dundee.

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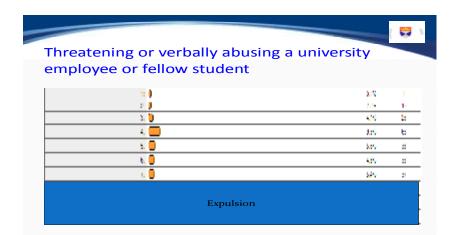
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The programmes can be seen at Bristol Online Survey User Name: PROFDEV Password: profev57sr

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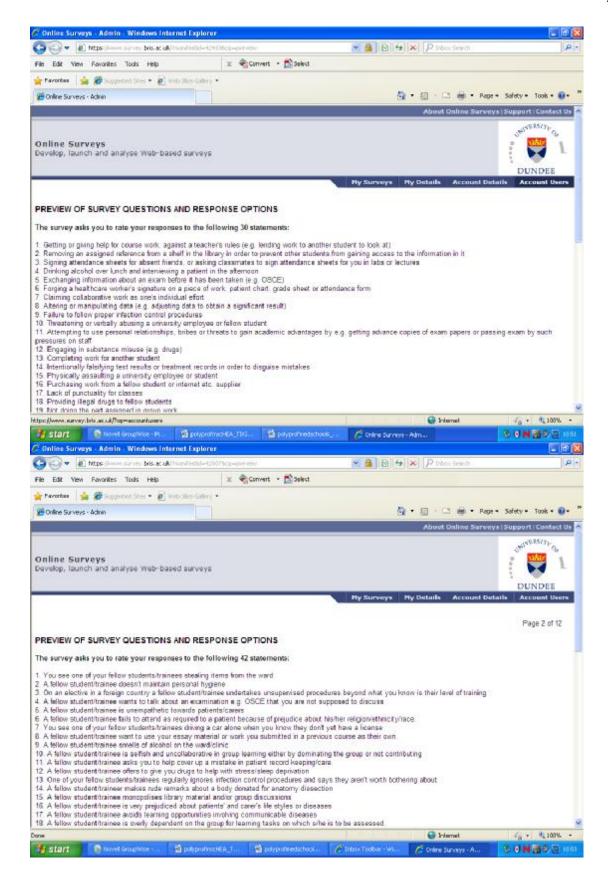
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Challenge the person about the behaviour/attitude:	80.0%	40
Discuss the person's behaviour/attitude with peers to find a way of addressing it:	6.0%	3
Report the person's behaviour/attitude to a more senior person without trying to address it oneself or with peers:	12.0%	6
Take another course of action:	0.0%	о

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Preliminary benchmarking of appropriate sanctions for lapses in undergraduate professionalism in the health professions.

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OBJECTIVE: To investigate the extent of consensus between faculty and students in order to benchmark appropriate sanctions for first-time offences with no mitigating factors in the area of Academic Probity by quota sampling in one cohort of medical, nursing and dental students in a Scottish university.

METHODS: This study reports administration of a web-based preliminary inventory derived from the international research literature to a target population of health professions staff and students. This study was conducted at Scottish University College of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Midwifery.

SUBJECTS: 57 faculty and 689 students in the College in first quarter of 2009 participated in this study.

RESULTS: 50% of medical students, 26% of dental students, 22% of nursing students and 27% of midwifery students responded; 22% of faculty responded. Administration of a preliminary 41-item inventory to 57 faculty and 689 students from a Scottish College of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Midwifery has allowed us to preliminarily rank the sanctions that are broadly agreed between the two cohorts as well as to identify a small cluster of behaviours which are viewed less severely by students than by faculty.

CONCLUSIONS: These data will give guidance to undergraduate Fitness to Practise committees but also guidance to curriculum planners about the areas in which students may need more teaching. The results informed the reduction of the inventory and its refinement in to a 30-item e-learning tool that is being field tested for generalisability within and beyond the UK. The researchers have also been invited to adapt the proposed teaching and learning tools beyond the health professions. Med Teach. 2011;33(3):239-43.

Development of inventory for polyprofessionalism lapses at the protoprofessional stage of health professions education together with recommended responses.

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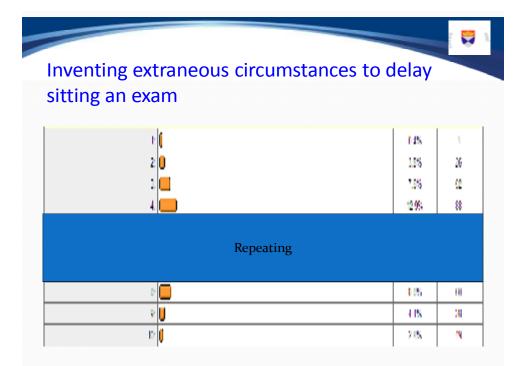
Abstract

AIM: To identify behaviours and attitudes that exhibit poor professionalism at the proto-professional stage of undergraduate health professions education, and investigate the extent and nature of agreement by faculty on appropriate responses by undergraduate students in the UK.

METHODS: A preliminary inventory of 69 items of behaviour and attitude was derived from literature review and 1-month observation at a UK teaching site. Reference Groups were formed by e-mail solicitation of senior medical educators in the UK and the Dundee Medical School to identify consensus on the relevant items and the appropriate responses.

RESULTS: The multi-stage study generated a preliminary inventory with 42 items and identified clear areas of consensus among faculty on appropriate responses by students to lapses in professionalism.

CONCLUSIONS: There is a broad range of consensus on the relevance of more than 40 forms of poor professionalism at the proto-professional undergraduate level and the appropriate responses that students should feel empowered to make to observed lapses. These data will give guidance in the development of e-learning programmes for UK students and to undergraduate Fitness to Practise Committees as they seek consistency in responding to lapses in professionalism by students and teachers at the undergraduate level.



Item 7 Annex B

Draft Student Fitness to Practise Implementation Specification

Introduction

- 1. This document sets out the Specification for the Student Fitness to Practise implementation e-learning with poly professionalism tools. These are:
 - a. Inventory/e-learning for Academic Integrity for pre-clinical students.
 - b. Inventory/e-learning for Proto-Clinical Professionalism for clinical students training under supervision.
 - c. Scenario e-learning and inventory e-learning for Professional Standards for registered osteopaths.
- 2. It is expected that this will be undertaken during 2012 and that the results will be analysed and available in articles submitted for publication by Spring 2013.

Purpose of the Student Fitness to Practise Guidance

- 3. The purpose of the student fitness to practise guidance is to support the learning and assessment of professional behaviours in osteopathic education and the consistent management of fitness to practise issues. The guidance should:
 - Support OEIs to ensure that students to take on increasing responsibility for professional behaviours and attitudes.
 - Support the consistent management of student fitness to practise issues across OEIs.
 - Contribute to ensuring that the award of the 'Recognised Qualification' means that the holder is capable of practising, without supervision, to the standards expected in the GOsC Code of Practice and the Standard of Proficiency (the Osteopathic Practice Standards from 1 September 2012). These standards are available on the GOsC website at:

http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/practice/standards-of-practice/

Purpose of the implementation plan

- 4. The purpose of the implementation plan is:
 - To explore the e-learning poly-professionalism tools to see if they provide useful and effective data for GOsC and OEIs to support the aims of the student fitness to practise guidance.
 - To explore the use of tools in practise to continue to support the ongoing awareness of professional behaviours when in practice.
 - To explore the costs of the process for GOsC, OEIs and students.
 - To explore the benefits of the tool for GOsC, OEIs, students and patients and the public.
 - To explore potential publications relating the collective results from the data generated about the development of professional attitudes and behaviours in osteopathic education, training and practice.

- 5. The desired outcomes are:
 - A customised elearning/assessing/measuring programme for OEIS (fully owned by GOsC) to use for individual/progress/longitudinal/comparative teaching and monitoring of professionalism.
 - A customised elearning/assessing/measuring programme for osteopaths (fully owned by GOsC) to use for individual monitoring of professionalism.
 - Customised scenarios for registered osteopaths to explore how the values learned at undergraduate level endure in registered osteopaths.
 - Papers sufficient for submitting for publication on e.g. learning curve of osteopath students/trainees for submission to publications .
 - A report evaluating the costs and benefits of the process for stakeholders to feed into future thinking and development on this area.
- 6. It is envisaged that the work will be divided into the following phases for each component of work and work will proceed across the course of the year:
 - Phase 1 Recruitment and Ethical Approval
 - Phase 2 Content creation
 - Phase 3 Data collection
 - Phase 4 Data Analysis
 - Phase 5 Report writing

Who will take part?

- 7. The following groups will use the tools:
 - The following Osteopathic Educational Institutions:
 - British College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - o British School of Osteopathy
 - College of Osteopaths
 - o European School of Osteopathy
 - o Leeds Metropolitan University
 - London College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - London School of Osteopathy
 - Oxford Brooks University
 - o Surrey Institute of Osteopathic Medicine.
 - Students from years 1 to 4.
 - Registered osteopaths.

8. The following activities will take place:

Timings	Pre- registration component activities	Post- registration component activities	Responsible person	Other direct costs	Fees to Sue Roff
Quarter 1 to 16 March 2012	Agree specification with OEIs and recruit into undergradu ate project.		Sue Roff / Fiona Browne		£2500 Fixed Fee to Sue Roff on completion of all listed activities in the undergradu
	Assist OEIs to obtain ethics approval by drafting and submitting application alongside OEI.		Sue Roff / Lead in each OEI.		ate project.
	Adapt and develop current tools for students drawing on expertise of OEIs. (Meeting 22 February 2012)		Sue Roff and OEI leads at meeting of 22 February 2012	£1400 for set up of BOS software.	Travel expenses of up to £200
	Secure Bristol Online Survey access for duration of the project		Fiona Browne		
	Launch of IT tools and testing.		Sue Roff / Alan Currie		

Quarter 2 to	Launch of		Sue Roff /	£2500 fixed
June 16	tools for		Fiona Browno /	fee to Sue
2012	First data collection		Browne / Alan Currie	Roff on completion
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		Develop scenario	Sue Roff/ Marcus Dye	Travel expenses of
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	Drafting		Sue Roff /	
	reports and		OEI leads	
	articles			
	drawn from first data			
	analysis.			

		Complete postgraduat e scenario tool for launch in October 2012.	Sue Roff / Marcus Dye / Fiona Browne / Alan Currie	
Quarter 4 to 31 December 2012		Launch of postgraduat e scenario tool to coincide with launch of Osteopathic Practice Standards	Fiona Browne / Marcus Dye / Alan Currie / Sue Roff	£2500 fixed fee to Sue Roff on completion of all Quarter 4 activities.
		Analysis of data from postgraduat e scenario tool.	Sue Roff	Travel expenses of £200.
		Drafting reports and submittable papers along in partnership with GOsC on this data.	Sue Roff / Fiona Browne / Marcus Dye	
	Drafting reports and articles drawn from first data analysis.		Sue Roff / OEI leads	

- Recruitment and ethical approval activities This will take place within each OEI.
 GOsC may also need to include appropriate ethics approval for the work on scenarios for registered osteopaths.
- Content creation activities Development will take place electronically, by teleconference and using a face to face meeting planned on 22 February 2012 with OEIs for the undergraduate tools and electronically between GOsC and Sue Roff for postgraduate activities.
- Data collection activies– Roll out will take place with optional meetings at OEIs during March 2012.
- Data analysis activities will be undertaken remotely by Sue Roff and GOsC.
- Reporting activities will be undertaken remotely by Sue Roff, OEIs and GOsC.

Success measures

- 9. We will know if we have been successful if we have identified the following:
 - a. Content creation for pre-clinical students, clinical students and registered osteopaths are agreed with GOsC and the OEIs.
 - b. Data is successfully transferred onto Bristol Online Survey and working links are provided to OEIs.
 - c. Data from responses by a range of students in a range of OEIs is collected for the inventories.
 - d. Data about costs and benefits is collected.
 - e. Sufficient data is collected to enable reports and early publications to be developed.

Risks

10. The risks include the following:

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
 GOsC do not have sufficient analysis skill to provide sufficient support for the work. 	Medium	Low	Sue Roff has content and analysis skills and will be able to support the development of such skills if needs be.
2. Sue Roff is unable to complete the work.	Low	High	Sue Roff has indicated that there are other people that GOsC could approach to complete the work. Payments are tied to deliverables. GOsC and the OEIs and Sue Roff will be working closely together and so information will be shared at an early stage.
 Issues may arise about the confidentiality of student data 	Low	High	The GOsC will arrange filters to ensure that students are not initially identifiable. This issue can be revisited following the initial pilot if initial results point to a reconsideration and elaboration of these risks.
 Norms of osteopathic students are demonstrated to be outwith those of other healthcare 	Low	Medium	Based on existing literature this should be unlikely. If this data is discovered then this will enable targeting of learning tools to ensure that

professions.			norms are better aligned.
5. OEIs do not agree to get involved.	Low	Low	The OEIs have indicated that they are content in principle. Whilst the research would be better quality with all OEIs involved, even just a few OEIs will enable us to explore relevant issues.

11. The project will be overseen by the SMT and Education Committee with input from the Student Fitness to Practise working group as appropriate. Fiona Browne is the lead SMT member with accountability for delivery of the outcomes of the work.