

**Education Committee
27 February 2013
Work Plan Update**

Classification	Public
Purpose	For noting
Issues	This paper reports on the progress of the projects overseen by the Education Committee.
Recommendations	To note the progress of projects overseen by the Education Committee.
Financial & resourcing implications	None arising from this paper.
Equality & Diversity implications	None arising from this paper.
Communications implications	None arising from this paper.
Annexes	<p>Annex A – Work plan update for Transition / Osteopathic Practice Standards Implementation / Student fitness to practise and the Management of Health and Disability Guidance / Revalidation / Review of CPD / Pre-registration curriculum content / Guidance for osteopathic pre-registration education</p> <p>Annex B – Work plan update for QA including Recognised Qualification processes and the Review of Quality Assurance of education and training.</p>
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Background

1. This work plan update provides the Committee with an overview of project milestones to deliver the aspects of the GOsC's Corporate Plan and Business Plan 2012-2013 falling within its remit. Updates are also provided to each Council Meeting against the current Business Plan as part of the Chief Executive's report.

Discussion

2. All projects currently enjoy Green status except for the projects outlined below.

Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education

3. As reported at the last Education Committee meeting, the Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education Working Group met on 8 November 2012. It has agreed to develop a draft set of standards and outcomes based on the work of the other regulators as a starting point to support the group to identify the key issues for discussion drawing on research and publications in other areas. A first draft will be considered by the group when they meet again in March 2013. This work will be considered further by the new Education, Standards and Registration Committee in May 2013.

Recognised qualification processes and quality assurance

4. The deadline for the Annual Reports was 29 January 2013 which has allowed insufficient time for a full analysis ahead of this February 2013 Committee. The analysis of the Annual Reports will, therefore, be considered at the first meeting of the Education, Standards and Registration Committee in May.

Review of Quality Assurance of education and training.

5. At its last meeting, the Education Committee requested that a formal consultation was not published at this stage, but that informal feedback from the OEIs about the issues that they would like to see feature in the review should be undertaken along with informal engagement with other regulators. Since then, the Professional Standards Manager facilitated a seminar on this issue with the OEIs on 29 January 2013 and has taken the opportunity to observe an RQ visit to collect further information to inform a major review. Meetings planned with other regulators will take place in spring 2013.
6. These changes will all be reflected in the 2013/2014 Business Plan which will be overseen by Council.

Recommendation

7. To note the progress of projects overseen by the Education Committee.

Professional Standards Work Plan: Transition into practice; Osteopathic Practice Standards; Student Fitness to Practise and Guidance on the Management of Health and Disability; Revalidation; Review of CPD; Pre-registration curriculum content; Guidance for osteopathic pre-registration education

March 2012 to April 2013

Committee Date/ Corporate Plan Objective	Transition into practice 1.3	Osteopathic Practice Standards 1.5 and 2.7	Student Fitness to Practise and Guidance on the Management of h Health and Disability 3.1 and 3.4	Revalidation 2.3	Review of CPD 2.4	Guidance for osteopathic pre-registration education 2.8
Project status	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER
Outcomes for Project Streams in Year 3 of the Corporate Plan (April 2012 to March 2013) And 2012/2013 Business Plan	To publish completed research and policy recommendations about the preparedness of newly qualified graduates for practice. To scope out the parameters for a review of transition into practice including possible	To conduct activities to embed the OPS with all stakeholder groups. To publish online guidance and e-learning. To develop evaluation strategy for the OPS. To gain feedback	To develop mechanisms for implementation of guidance. To develop framework of evaluation during 2012.	To conclude pilot in accordance with pilot specification. To publish pilot evaluation and reports of costs and benefits. To review and update the impact assessment following the pilot.	To conduct activities to encourage responses to the CPD Review. To publish analysis of responses to the CPD Review. To develop policy proposals for continuing fitness to practise.	To consider the need for core curriculum content to supplement the Osteopathic Practice Standards. To publish consultation on proposed changes to framework for this stage of training.

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Project status	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER
	regulatory outcomes.	about awareness of the OPS.		To develop policy proposals for continuing fitness to practise.		
13 June 2012 – Education Committee	To note publication of research.	To note activities to embed the OPS with all stakeholder groups. To note update on review of registration assessments.	To note update on professionalism in osteopathy research project pilot.	To note pilot update.	To note update on discussions re CPD Review.	
17 July 2012 - COUNCIL				To note pilot update.	To note update on discussions re CPD Review.	
20 September 2012 – Education Committee		To note activities to embed the OPS with all stakeholder	To note progress on Professionalism in Osteopathy	To note pilot update.	To note update on discussions re CPD Review.	

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Project status	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER
		groups. To note publication of e-learning resources and to note additional resources.	Research Project Pilot and emerging findings.			
10 October 2012 - COUNCIL				To note pilot update.	To note update on discussions re CPD Review.	
14 November 2012 – Education Committee	To consider early scoping of review and review discussions with stakeholders about findings.	To note activities to embed the OPS with all stakeholder groups. To develop evaluation strategy for the OPS.	To note progress of Professionalism in Osteopathy Research Project Pilot.	To note pilot update.	To note update on discussions re CPD Review.	To agree draft outcomes and standards for informally sharing with stakeholders.
13 December				To note pilot		

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Project status	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER
2012- Council				update		
27 February 2013 – Education Committee	To scope out the parameters for a review of transition into practice including possible regulatory outcomes.	To note activities to embed the OPS with all stakeholder groups. To note emerging feedback about awareness of OPS.	To agree final report of the Professionalism in Osteopathy Research Project Pilot. To agree framework for evaluating effectiveness of guidance.	To publish pilot evaluation and impact assessment including costs and benefits. To publish revised proposals for regulation of continuing fitness to practise.	To publish CPD Review consultation analysis. To publish revised proposals for regulation of continuing fitness to practise.	To publish consultation on Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration education.
20 March 2013 – COUNCIL				To publish pilot evaluation and impact assessment including costs and benefits.	To publish CPD Review consultation analysis.	

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				To publish revised proposals for regulation of continuing fitness to practise.	To publish revised proposals for regulation of continuing fitness to practise.	

Work plan update for QA – June 2012 to April 2013

Committee Date	Recognised qualification processes and quality assurance 2.5	Review of Quality Assurance of education and training.
Project Status	AMBER	GREEN
13 June 2012 – Education Committee	To agree update on conditions	To consider draft of discussion paper on alternatives to the current system of QA, including alternatives to the current QA funding arrangements and models of quality assurance.
20 September 2012 – Education Committee	<p>To note the good practice seminar for the OEIs.</p> <p>To note appraisal and training of Visitors.</p> <p>To agree Renewal of RQs.</p> <p>To agree updates on conditions.</p>	To consider feedback on draft discussion paper.

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27 November 2012 – Education Committee	To agree renewal of RQs. To agree updates on conditions.	To consult informally on issues affecting a major review of quality assurance.
27 February 2013 – Education Committee	To agree renewal of RQs. To agree update on conditions. To agree feedback on Annual Reports for all OEIs.	