

Revalidation round-up

The monthly e-bulletin for osteopaths participating in the pilot

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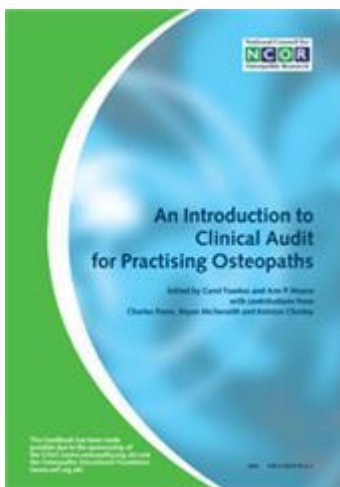
If you haven't logged on already, Moodle is a great way to share your experiences with other participants and to find out how others are getting on.

To access [Moodle](#), you will need to enter your GOsC registration number in the 'username' field. You will also need to enter your password, which you were sent in September. If you have forgotten your password, please contact the Professional Standards team on 020 7357 6655 ext 235 or email revalidation@osteopathy.org.uk.

Revalidation Pilot Participation Manual

The Manual contains guidelines and templates to help you generate your four pieces of evidence for the purposes of the pilot. Completed examples are also included so you can see how each template might look

Clinical audit and data collection



Carol Fawkes, NCOR Research Development Officer and pilot participant, is often asked by osteopaths if NCOR's Standardised Data Collection (SDC) tool can be used for clinical audit.

Carol explains; data collection aims to gather a wider range of general data to provide a snapshot of the full extent of practice. The tool developed by NCOR allows for data collection to be standardised across a large number of osteopathic practices, so that these data can be pooled to provide a much-needed profile of osteopathic practice.

Audit differs from data collection by focussing on one specific area of a practice – say, an outcome or an approach to evaluation and management – and uses a data collection tool that is specific to that purpose. Audit also requires clear criteria concerning what is to be evaluated and what standard that evaluation should reach.

Once the audit results have been assessed, the findings will identify where changes to practice or procedures could potentially deliver improvements. Once the changes have been introduced and a

when finished.

The Manual is available to view [here](#).

CPD Discussion Document

Revalidation and continuing professional development (CPD) are closely related. Is the current CPD scheme fit for purpose? Should there be changes to the CPD cycle and the required hours?

The [CPD Discussion Document](#) considers the purpose and aims of the current scheme, its effectiveness and possible options for change. If you have a view on how to take the scheme forward, please take a look at the [discussion document](#) and [response form](#) available on our website.

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reasonable period of time has elapsed for those changes to take effect, a re-audit is undertaken to measure the effect the audit has delivered.

Further information on how to start and conduct a clinical audit is available on the [o zone](#). All clinical audit templates are now available on [Moodle](#).

Questions for Caitrian



Caitrian Guthrie, Assessment Expert, is on hand to answer your questions.

This month we have been contacted by a number of osteopaths asking if the data they have collected is adequate to meet the revalidation criteria.

In response, we have asked you to consider this question to inform your own self-assessment – has the process of collecting the data and your analysis of it provided enough information for you to demonstrate that you have met the relevant criteria? It is not only the data collected, but also the method used to collect the data and the analysis of the data that can show whether you have met the criteria and whether there might be areas in which practice could be improved. Remember, this is not a pass or fail process. The pilot is about testing the proposed revalidation system, affording you an invaluable opportunity to explore your practice in a supportive environment and to seek advice about some of these complex issues.

In the spirit of self-appraisal, quite a few of you have told us that you have changed aspects of your practice with a view to enhancing overall quality, in response to completed personal development needs analyses, patient feedback or significant events analyses. Some of you have told us that you have amended practice documentation, developed and published new policies, or identified

and addressed knowledge deficiencies through continuing professional development.

If you would like advice about how best to analyse data, do get in touch and we will do our best to help.

Quite a few of you have also commented that the Moodle site is not user-friendly. We have tried to improve its usability and we will continue to work with you on this throughout the pilot. That said, more than half of you have now logged on and there are around 50 posts and responses on a variety of subjects.

Support is available either from posting on Moodle, by emailing: revalidation@osteopathy.org.uk or calling 020 7357 6655 ext 235.

KPMG feedback

Congratulations to all for getting through the first quarter of the pilot. We started with 473 participants and to date have had around 25 people leave the pilot for a variety of work-related or personal reasons.

Three hundred and thirty-two of you have completed the first data survey online, and a further 42 have submitted hard copy responses. This is a fantastic contribution and if we can maintain this level of response throughout the course of the pilot, we will have really good data about the costs, benefits and impact of the pilot revalidation scheme.

A few participants have queried Question 9 in the survey, which seeks your current views about revalidation by asking you to agree or disagree with positive and negative statements. Some of you were not sure of how to rate these statements about revalidation at this stage – we will be asking this question on each subsequent survey, so you are free to change your view as you progress through the pilot.

The next data collection window will be: **16 April to 27 April 2012.**

CPD hours

A number of you have asked when you can claim your 30 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) awarded to you for taking part in the pilot. Please note that at this stage you can claim the hours for attending the training workshops last Autumn, but the 30 hours that arise from taking part in the pilot can only be claimed after you have completed the pilot in October 2012.

If you have any questions relating to your CPD hours, please contact us on 020 7357 6655 ext 235 or email:

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