



**General  
Osteopathic  
Council**

## **Press Release**

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### **General Osteopathic Council launches Corporate Plan**

The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC), the independent regulator for osteopaths in the UK, has today published its [Corporate Plan for 2010 – 2013](#). This new plan sets out the GOsC's strategic objectives and work programme for the next three years.

Key areas of activity focus on the need to ensure the GOsC fulfils its statutory duty to 'develop and regulate the profession of osteopathy' in order to ensure public protection, including:

- a review of the content of osteopathic education & training to ensure new graduates are fully equipped to practise safely;
- the publication of a revised Code of Practice and Osteopathic Practice Standards;
- the development of a revalidation scheme for osteopaths;
- a review of the GOsC's Continuing Professional Development scheme;
- the implementation of a range of measures aimed at engaging fully with patients and the public on standards of osteopathic care;
- the promotion of high standards of osteopathic care internationally through regulation.

The GOsC's Chief Executive & Registrar, Evlynne Gilvarry, said:

"Through the activities set out in this plan we aim to identify areas of risk to patients and the public and to address those risks through well targeted professional rules and strategies designed to promote the highest standards of osteopathic practice."

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. Copies of the General Osteopathic Council's Corporate Plan 2010 - 2013 are available at: [www.osteopathy.org.uk/about/our-work/strategic-business-plans](http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/about/our-work/strategic-business-plans). Hard copies are also obtainable if you have any difficulty reading or accessing the document. This report will also be available in Welsh.
2. The **General Osteopathic Council** (GOsC) has a statutory duty to regulate the practice of osteopathy in the UK. Osteopaths must be registered with the GOsC in order to practice in the UK.
3. We work with the public and the profession to promote patient safety by:
  - registering qualified professionals;
  - setting, maintaining and developing standards of osteopathic practice and conduct;
  - assuring the quality of osteopathic education;
  - ensuring continuing professional development;
  - helping patients with concerns or complaints about an osteopath.
4. The 2009 Statutory Register of Osteopaths provides a geographical index of all practising osteopaths, and is available to the general public and to healthcare providers online at: <http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/information/finding-an-osteopath>.