

Guidance about osteopathic pre-registration education working group

Terms of reference

Purpose and role

1. The purpose of the Guidance about osteopathic pre-registration is to assist with clarity about outcomes at undergraduate level for patients and osteopaths and to enable a common approach to the development of the osteopathic curriculum in the contemporary healthcare environment whilst preserving the rich diversity of education at different Osteopathic Educational Institutions.
2. The group will develop:
 - Educational guidance to support anticipated developments in contemporary healthcare practice.
 - Learning outcomes for osteopathic qualifications to support the revised Osteopathic Practice Standards.

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3. To consider the contemporary healthcare environment including:
 - The Osteopathic Practice Standards
 - The QAA benchmark statement
 - Other contemporary changes in osteopathic education
 - Future Forum Reports and Healthcare Education England developments.
 - The education outcomes framework
 - CAIPE guidance for commissioners and regulators of education
 - Relationships with other healthcare practitioners and how these should be included.
 - Changes to the patient journey in the four countries of the UK
 - Experiences of osteopaths in independent and NHS practice
 - Experiences of osteopaths undertaking postgraduate education and training
 - Preparedness to practise research (2012) by Professor Della Freeth et al.
 - Investigating osteopathic patients' expectations of private osteopathic care: the OPEn project (2011) by Dr Jan Leach et al,
 - The adverse events projects
 - The international educational and regulatory environment.
 - Any other relevant information
4. To develop educational guidance to support anticipated developments in contemporary healthcare practice.
5. To develop learning outcomes for osteopathic qualifications to support the revised Osteopathic Practice Standards.

6. To ensure that health and well being is at the heart of all matters relating to the development of the Guidance about osteopathic pre-registration education and learning outcomes.
7. To advise on any other relevant matters relating to the development of the Guidance about osteopathic pre-registration education and learning outcomes.
8. To ensure that equality and diversity matters are considered and integrated in the course of the work undertaken by the Group.

Method of delivery

9. We anticipate that the Group will meet on the GOsC/OEI Meeting dates.

Membership

10. The group will be chaired by the Chair of the Education Committee. Other members will include a representative from each OEI and will be a balance of osteopathic, lay and student members. The group should also comprise an osteopathic patient.

Observers

11. The group may invite people with expertise to attend group meetings to inform the discussion of the Working Group members.

Quorum

12. The quorum will be five members and must include the Chair of the Group or their nominated deputy.
13. Meetings will be convened by the General Osteopathic Council.

Reporting and Accountability

14. The Guidance about Osteopathic Pre-registration Education working group is accountable to the General Osteopathic Council's Education Committee.
15. The group shall present a progress report to the Education Committee on a regular basis.

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