



Council
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Chief Executive and Registrar's Report

Classification	Public
Purpose	For decision
Issue	A review of activities and performance since the last Council meeting not reported elsewhere on the agenda.
Recommendation	To note the content of the report.
Financial and resourcing implications	None
Equality and diversity implications	None
Communications implications	None
Annexes	A. Progress against the 2016-17 Business Plan B. Financial report at end of Q3
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Introduction

1. This report gives an account of activities of note that have been undertaken by the Chief Executive and others since the last Council meeting, which are not reported elsewhere on the agenda.

Department of Health legislation update

2. We understand that the Department of Health (England) is continuing to seek cross-government consent for a draft healthcare professional regulation reform bill to be given pre-legislative scrutiny by Parliament in the 2017-18 session.
3. In advance of any such decision, the Department is also seeking approval to publish a consultation document on the key areas for consideration. It is anticipated that the document will be published in the early part of this year. An oral update will be provided at the meeting if available.

Charitable status

4. We received initial feedback in mid-December from the Charity Commission on our application, which included a number of standard questions in relation to the payment of trustees. We have responded to these questions following legal advice and now await a decision from the Commission.

Osteopathic Education Foundation

5. I am very pleased to be able to confirm that the Osteopathic Educational Foundation (a charitable endowment that has existed for many years within the profession) has now transferred its operations to the Institute of Osteopathy (iO) which will become the corporate trustee of the new 'Osteopathic Foundation'. A new Board is being appointed for the management of the Foundation.
6. The GOsC, iO and the OEF have been in discussion for a number of years about how the OEF could play a more strategic role in supporting the development of the profession. The establishment of the new arrangements marks a further important step forward in the development of the profession.

Advertising

7. In early December we issued a joint letter to all registered osteopaths, written in conjunction with the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and the Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP), following the development of new guidance from the ASA on osteopathy marketing claims relating to the treatment of pregnant women, children and babies.
8. We are following up the issuing of the letter with further communication through *the osteopath* magazine, our e-bulletin and website. This work is also being supported by communications from the Institute of Osteopathy to its members.

Professional Standards Authority

9. The PSA Performance Review process for 2016-17 has now commenced with a request for a range of documents that support our work.
10. The initial assessment of our performance is due to take place in early February when we will discover whether the PSA considers that we have met all of the standards or whether a further review is required.
11. The PSA has also commenced a review of the Standards of Good Regulation and is due to launch a consultation in the spring of 2017. At present there are two options being considered, an update to the current standards or a move to an approach which is based more on principles rather than regulatory functions. It appears unlikely that the new standards will be in place before the next GOsC Performance Review in 2017-18.

Appointments

12. The autumn and winter has seen intense activity in the area of appointments. The outcome of most of this work is detailed in the Chair's report at Item 4 on this agenda.
13. The appointment process for two new Council members – to replace Kenneth McLean who demits on 31 March 2017 and Jorge Esteves who resigned with effect from 31 December – is also drawing to a close. Interviews took place on 17 January and recommendations are due to be submitted to the PSA and Privy Council by 3 February 2017.

Osteopathic Practice Standards review Stakeholder Reference Group

14. The Osteopathic Practice Standards Stakeholder Reference Group met on 30 January. This includes representatives from the Council of Osteopathic Education Institutions, the National Council for Osteopathic Research, the Institute of Osteopathy, the Osteopathic Alliance and patient representatives. The meeting was chaired by Jane Fox.
15. The initial meeting aimed to consider a range of issues to inform the development of revised standards and guidance for consultation. These include:
 - The integration of Standards of Proficiency and Code of Practice
 - The potential publication of separate guidance in some areas, including consent
 - Reference in the standards to 'osteopathic principles'
 - The relationship between osteopaths and other healthcare providers and how this should be reflected in the standards
 - The role of osteopaths in promoting public health

- Requirements in terms of data analysis and production of information, and how this is best reflected in the standards.
16. The Stakeholder Reference Group will continue to work over the coming months as we develop revised standards and guidance for consultation.

Values

17. We are continuing our work on values in practice and are working jointly with the General Dental Council to explore the issues and problems that arise between patients and practitioners in a clinical environment, and on developing and testing tools to support decision-making, making more explicit patient and practitioner values and expectations that could be used in osteopathic and dental practice.
18. We have also been invited to present on this joint work with the GDC at the next PSA academic/regulatory research conference, which will take place on 10 March 2017 (a further extract in relation to our new CPD scheme has also been accepted for this conference).

Other meetings

19. Recent meetings, calls, visits and speaking engagements by the Chief Executive and others include:
- iO/GOsC bilateral meeting
 - David Gilbert, Sussex MSK partnership/patient advocate
 - Eyal Lederman, CPD provider
 - James Butler, CPD provider
 - European School of Osteopathy – Year 1 and 2 students
 - European School of Osteopathy – members of faculty
 - Cheshire CPD Group, Lymm – Peer Discussion Review development
 - Osteopathic insurers/lawyers
 - Advertising Standards Authority
 - Good Thinking Society
 - Mark Stobbs, Professional Standards Authority
 - Forum for Osteopathic Regulation in Europe (FORE), Cyprus
 - Jamie Samuel, Department of Health
 - Series of online and face to face engagement events with early adopters of the new CPD scheme
 - Chief Executives' Steering Group, Belfast
 - National Council for Osteopathic Research
 - Ros Hayles, Chief Executive, General Chiropractic Council
 - Institute of Osteopathy 2016 Convention
 - Samantha Peters, Chief Executive, General Optical Council
 - Penny Bance, Director of Education, Registration and Standards, General Chiropractic Council

- Professor Bill Fulford and Professor Stephen Tyreman and Guy Rubin (GDC) re values project
- Premier IT re e-portfolio development
- General Medical Council annual regulation conference
- European School of Osteopathy – Charles Bruford
- Carol Fawkes, National Council of Osteopathic Research
- Anna Lubasinska, Registration Manager, Health and Care Professions Council
- Simeon London, consultancy re Registration Assessment
- Inter-regulator Performance Group
- Inter-regulator Governance Group
- Inter-regulator Standards Group
- Inter-regulator Continuing Fitness to Practise workshop
- CPD Partnership Board
- Audit Committee
- Audit tender interviews
- Osteopathic Educational Institutions/GOSc liaison meeting
- Forum for Osteopathic Regulation in Europe (FORE)/European Federation of Osteopaths merger working group
- Osteopathic Development Group
- Australia/New Zealand/UK liaison conference call

Progress against the 2016-17 Business Plan

20. Annex A provides a progress report on the 2016-17 Business Plan at the end of Q3.
21. We are reporting delay on three items:
- 1.3 – PCC Bank of Conditions. This work will now take place in 2017-18.
 - 3.2 – IT user feedback. Delayed awaiting further staff IT user group input.
 - 3.2 – Use of Integra for case management. Delayed following changes in regulation staff.

Financial report

22. The financial report for the end of Q3 can be found at Annex B.

Recommendations: to note the content of the report.