



**Council**  
**16 July 2015**  
**Chief Executive and Registrar's Report**

<b>Classification</b>	Public
<b>Purpose</b>	For noting
<b>Issue</b>	A review of activities and performance since the last Council meeting not reported elsewhere on the agenda.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To note the content of the report.
<b>Financial and resourcing implications</b>	None
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b>	None
<b>Communications implications</b>	None
<b>Annexes</b>	A. Progress against the 2015-16 Business Plan B. Financial report
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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.
2. The report is short as less than two months has elapsed since the last meeting of Council, and a number of important activities are covered elsewhere in the Council papers.

## **Council reconstitution**

3. The draft Constitution Order is awaiting final legal and Ministerial approval before consultation on the draft Order. It was hoped that this might commence in mid-July. An oral update will be given at the meeting.

## **Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Act 2015**

4. The Department of Health has confirmed that it intends to implement this Act, which members will recall was initiated through a Private members' Bill by Jeremy Lefroy MP in the last Parliament. This change to our objectives will require secondary legislation to be introduced in Parliament which we are anticipating will take place later in the year.

## **Osteopathic Leadership Programme**

5. The first workshop of the Osteopathic Leadership Programme is due to take place on 18 July at Osteopathy House. The programme is being run by the Osteopathic Development Group in conjunction with the Open University (OU).
6. Following the workshop, participants will complete a 25-hour OU distance learning leadership course and undertake a group project. A concluding workshop will take place on 10 October.
7. The programme attracted 44 applicants for the 20 places available in the first year.

## **Duty of candour**

8. We have continued our work exploring how the professional duty of candour can be implemented most appropriately in osteopathic practice. A training day for the GOsC Investigating Committee on 18 May included a facilitated workshop that considered the implications of the duty of candour in fitness to practise proceedings. On 3 June we held a registrant focus group exploring a number of scenarios around candour. These scenarios will be refined following the focus group and published as learning materials.

9. We also continued our discussions with professional indemnity insurers about the impact of the duty of candour. All the insurers have now indicated that they are content with the joint statement on candour from the regulators and that it is compatible with their own policies and guidance.

### **Values seminar**

10. A follow-up seminar on values was held on 20 May at St Catherine's College Oxford with Professor Bill Fulford of the Collaborating Centre for Values-based Practice and Professor Stephen Tyreman of the British School of Osteopathy. The aim of this seminar was to explore in more detail how values relate to standards of practice.

### **CPD consultation**

11. The consultation closed at the end of May. A full report on the consultation activity can be found elsewhere on this agenda.

### **Professional Standards Authority seminar on right touch regulation**

12. I spoke at a symposium organised by the PSA on right touch regulation on 4 June. My presentation focused on examples of how unintended consequences can arise from regulation drawn from our own research and experience of policy development. This included our standards development work around communicating risk, the development of our new CPD scheme and in fitness to practise.

### **CLEAR conference**

13. Professor Gerry McGivern presented the results of the work we commissioned from him and colleagues on regulation at an international symposium in Amsterdam on 24 June organised by the HCPC in conjunction with the Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation.

### **Staffing changes**

14. We welcomed back to the GOsC Vanessa Taylor, Regulation Assistant, and Meera Burgess, Professional Standards Officer.

### **Other meetings**

15. Recent meetings, calls, visits and speaking engagements by the Chief Executive and others include:
  - Cheshire CPD Group
  - Values Seminar – St Catherine's College, Oxford
  - Osteopathic Development Group
  - Balens (insurance broker)

- Dustie Houchin (Society of Osteopathic Animal Practitioners)
- PSA appointments seminar
- PSA Right Touch regulation symposium
- Institute of Osteopaths
- Inter-Regulatory Group on Education
- Inter-Regulatory Media Group
- Manus Sinistra (BSO student society)
- Maurice Hills (Osteopathic Educational Foundation)
- Martin Collins and John O'Brien (National Osteopathic Archive)
- Inter-Regulatory Group on Performance
- ESO Graduation ceremony
- Women's Health Osteopathy postgraduate course graduation ceremony
- Andrew Charnock (Osteopathy Council of New Zealand)
- Nick Pahl (British Acupuncture Council)
- Northern Ireland Parliamentary reception
- Funeral of Tracy Stockley (College of Osteopaths)
- Forum on Osteopathic Regulation In Europe (Milan)

### **Progress against the 2014-15 Business Plan**

16. Annex A sets out the progress made against the 2015-16 Business Plan at the end of June 2015.
17. We have identified slippage in a number of areas due to current staffing difficulties. As a result, priority is being given to statutory functions rather than new projects. The areas where there is current slippage mostly relate to our work around undergraduate professionalism (1.1). Council will be kept informed on progress in returning to schedule for all our activities.
18. We have added two projects in relation to fitness to practise (1.5). These are: the development of new Interim Suspension Order Guidance (on today's agenda); and the piloting of electronic case bundles.
19. We are reconsidering the merit of a further registrant survey in 2015 (2.2) and may instead look to commission a programme of data analysis of our registration, CPD and fitness to practise data, to support a more risk-based approach to regulation (see paper on Corporate Plan 2013-16 initial scoping).
20. Legislative reform (3.5) is effectively on hold with the lack of progress with the Law Commissions' proposals. However, we will probably look to see whether there are areas where rule changes could be made within the existing confines of the Osteopaths Act.

### **Financial report**

21. Annex B shows the financial position at the end of June (Month 2) of the 2015-16 financial year.

**Risk**

22. At the last meeting we reported that a new high risk had been added to the Risk Register in relation to clinical responsibility in Assessments of Clinical Performance. This matter has now been resolved and the risk removed from the Risk Register.

**Recommendation:** to note the report.