



Council
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Chief Executive and Registrar's Report

Classification	Public
Purpose	For noting
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 Q1 (late paper)
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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.

European referendum

2. The result of the European referendum is likely to have an eventual impact on the GOsC's activities, primarily in relation to registration. Ultimately, this will depend on the form of any new relationship with Europe, for example the outcome of negotiations on trade and freedom of movement.
3. With negotiations with the EU unlikely to commence before the autumn and with their timing and scope still to be determined, there is no action required at present. We will maintain a watching brief and work with other regulators through the Alliance of UK Health Regulators on Europe (AURE) to identify the effects of any future changes in legislation.
4. We will advise current and potential registrants that there will be no immediate changes to our policies or processes.

Department of Health legislation update

5. We are expecting an Order under the *Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Act 2015* to be laid before Parliament before the recess which starts on 21 July. The Order will switch on amendments to the *Osteopaths Act 1993*, which more clearly delineate our public interest objectives.
6. The Department of Health and the devolved governments are collaborating on a series of initial stakeholder engagement events, taking place in July, around legislative reform relating to healthcare professional regulation. The events are aimed at informing a wider public consultation in the autumn. However, it must be anticipated that in the light of the Referendum and the resignation of the Prime Minister, there is likely to be some considerable turbulence within government for the foreseeable future, and the timetable for future consultation and legislation may be revised.

PSA Performance Review

7. We have received the final report of the 2015-16 PSA Performance Review, which confirms that we have met all of the PSA's standards of good regulation. The full report can be found at Item 14 on the agenda.

Charitable status

8. We are finalising an application for charity registration following the decision of Council taken in February this year. The delay has in part been due to a desire

to include the changes in our legislation (see above) within the 'objects' we submit to the Charity Commission. We would hope to receive a decision from the Charity Commission on our application before the end of the summer.

Research project development

9. Following work that we have undertaken over the past year with the Collaborating Centre for Values-based Practice, we have been in discussion with other regulators about a small-scale research project aimed at developing and testing potential tools for improving communication and consent by practitioners.
10. This project is at a very early stage and as it develops we will provide Council and the Policy Advisory Committee with further details.
11. We are also working on the development of a proposal with other regulators around boundaries, communication and the context of touch. In principle, this is an area of interest to ourselves and others. Again, this project is at a very early stage and we will provide further details in due course.

Development projects update

12. Progress is continuing to be made on a number of the joint projects with the Osteopathic Development Group. This includes:
 - a. Leadership – the first workshop of the second year of the programme took place on 14 May.
 - b. Service standards – a revised standards document has been agreed by the by the ODG board. The next stage will be to consider how this can be implemented in practice.
 - c. Mentoring – the research phase is now complete and plans for piloting are being considered.
 - d. Regional support – the support guide has been published and promoted to the profession.
 - e. International – the dedicated website <http://osteointernational.uk> has been launched and is being used.
 - f. PROMs – the PROM tool is being rolled-out to the profession and promoted regularly to osteopaths (see also the NCOR report at Item 15 on the agenda).
13. In addition, the ODG Leadership Programme is being used by the Open University (OU) as a case study of collaboration. Two of the year 1 participants

and myself will appear in a short video that will be available on the OU's website and elsewhere.

Induction meetings/training

14. We have held induction meetings with all new members of Council in relation to their committee duties, and with other Council members where they have requested briefing on their new responsibilities.
15. We expect to roll out online information governance training for all Council members, other non-executives and staff over the summer period.
16. A further Council training day will take place on 11 October and it is proposed that the agenda will include training on equality and diversity, and on the role of charity trustees in anticipation of the GOsC being granted charitable status.

Association of Nutritionists

17. Along with the Institute of Osteopathy, Council of Osteopathic Educational Institutions and the British Naturopathic and Osteopathic Association, we submitted a joint response to a consultation on the competence requirements for registered nutritionists. This response was followed up by a joint meeting with the Association of Nutritionists to explore mutual interests.

Development of 1 Fellmonger's Path

18. We are anticipating that a planning application will be submitted shortly for the redevelopment of the site immediately behind Osteopathy House.
19. We have had a preliminary meeting with the developers and explained to them the nature of the activities that take place at Osteopathy House, particularly fitness to practise hearings, and the potential impact of the construction work.
20. We have agreed to have further meetings as the plans progress and will seek expert advice where necessary to ensure that we secure suitable agreements to minimise disruption.
21. The developers anticipate that it is likely to be autumn 2017 before any works could commence on site.

Other meetings

22. Recent meetings, calls, visits and speaking engagements by the Chief Executive and others include:
 - Osteopathic Alliance – Amberin Fur (introductory meeting)
 - ODG Leadership Programme workshop
 - University of Nottingham – Dr Gemma Stacey (values-based practice)

- General Dental Council
- Osteopathic Development Group
- General Pharmaceutical Council
- Osteopathic Centre for Children
- GOsC/OEI liaison meeting
- Professional Standards Authority – Michael Toft (Performance Review)
- Osteopathic Educational Foundation – Maurice Hills (iO/OEF merger)
- Institute of Osteopathy – Maurice Cheng, Matthew Rogers and Katie Griffiths
- Grant Thornton (auditors)
- Council of Osteopathic Educational Institutions – Charles Hunt
- NCOR Trustees and Research Council
- Association for Nutrition
- FORE/EFO merger working group
- OIA Nominations Committee
- Inter-regulatory Group on Performance
- Continuing fitness to practise inter-regulatory group
- Education inter-regulatory group
- CPD Forum
- Quality Assurance Agency – Dr David Gale
- European School of Osteopathy – Dr Paula Fletcher and Graham Sharman
- Cross-Regulator Research meeting
- Collaborating Centre for Values Based Practice – Professor Bill Fulford and Professor Stephen Tyreman
- Focus Group on health and disability in osteopathic education
- Chief Executive Legislation Group meeting
- Seminars developing regional delivery of the new CPD scheme
- Meeting on upstream measures/professionalism with Department of Health and other regulators.

Progress against the 2016-17 Business Plan

23. Annex A provides a progress report on the 2016-17 Business Plan at the end of Q1.
24. There is no slippage or cancellation of activities to report at the end of Q1.

Financial report

25. The financial report for the end of Q1 can be found at Annex B. This will be sent out as a late paper.

Recommendation: to note the report.