



**Council**  
**17 May 2023**  
**Registration report**

<b>Classification</b>	Public
<b>Purpose</b>	To note the registration statistics for the six-months to 31 March 2023.
<b>Issue</b>	The paper provides an update on registration activity covering the six-month period from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To note the content of the report.
<b>Financial and resourcing implications</b>	Council will be aware that the primary source of income for the GOC is from registration fees, and therefore any movement in the Register has an impact on our annual income.
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b>	The paper provides a range of data about our registrants which relates to equality and diversity, for example, age profile and gender balance.
<b>Communications implications</b>	None
<b>Annex</b>	None
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### Key messages from the paper:

- At the end of March 2023 there were 5,437 osteopaths on the Register.
- The number of non-practising registrants stood at 141 at the end of March 2023 which was down on a peak of 330 during the height of the pandemic. The figure is currently below our pre-pandemic average.
- Ten return to practise assessments were completed in the reporting period. Twenty registration assessments, connected to internationally qualified applicants were completed.

### Background

1. The registration report to Council provides detailed information about the statistics and activities which have been undertaken within the Registration team and covers the six months from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.

### Registration data

#### *Number of registrants and gender split*

2. At the end of March 2023, the Register contained 5,437 osteopaths of which 51.65% of registrants are female (2,808) and 48.35% are male (2,629).
3. Eleven years ago (March 2012) the Register contained 4,584 osteopaths, with the female to male registrant ratio being 49:51. Over this period the Register has grown by just over 850 osteopaths and there are now a greater proportion of female registrants compared to male registrants.
4. The age breakdown of the Register at the end of March 2023 was:

Age	Total registrants	Of which	
		Practising	Non-practising
Under or equal to 30	739	723	16
31-40	1,174	1,124	50
41-50	1,400	1,371	29
51-60	1,436	1,408	28
61-70	595	579	16
71-80	86	84	2
81+	7	7	0

5. 13% of the register are aged 61+. While this does not represent an immediate risk to Council, it is something which we need to factor into the longer term financial planning for the GOsC, as a reasonable assumption is that a fair proportion of registrants in this group may leave the Register in the next 5-10 years.

*Entrants to the Register*

Total number of entrants to the Register	57
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*of which*

First time applications	46
Restorations to the Register	11

*of which*

Number of registrants living in the UK	51
Number of registrants living in the EU	3
Number of registrants living outside of the EU	3

*Removals from the Register*

Total number of removals (excluding resignations, retirements and death)	14
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*of which, those removed for*

Non-compliance with CPD	-
Non-payment of fee	10
Unacceptable professional conduct	1
Under PII Rules	3
Fraudulent application to the Register	-

6. Since the reporting of statistics to Council began, 392 registrants have been removed from the Register. The data below sub-analyses the removal from the Register data into different categories including age and gender.

*Removals from the Register (age)*

7. Of those registrants removed from the Register, 74% (289 registrants) were below the age of 50.
8. The age range per reason for removal is set out in the table below.

<b>Age range</b>	<b>Number of registrants</b>	<b>Removed for fee non-payment</b>	<b>Removed for CPD non-compliance</b>	<b>Removed under FtP proceedings</b>	<b>Removed under PII Rules or fraudulent application</b>
20-29	67 (17%)	45 (25%)	19 (14%)	1 (4%)	2 (4%)
30-39	117 (30%)	56 (32%)	46 (33%)	3 (12%)	12 (24%)
40-49	105 (27%)	43 (24%)	39 (28%)	9 (36%)	14 (29%)
50-59	64 (16%)	23 (13%)	27 (19%)	6 (24%)	8 (16%)
60-69	27 (7%)	7 (4%)	6 (4%)	4 (16%)	10 (20%)
70+	12 (3%)	4 (2%)	3 (2%)	2 (8%)	3 (7%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>49</b>

*Removals from the Register (gender)*

9. The total number of registrants removed from the Register since reporting of statistics to Council began in October 2011, indicates 56:44 split between male to female registrants removed from the Register.

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of registrants</b>	<b>Removed for fee non-payment</b>	<b>Removed for CPD non-compliance</b>	<b>Removed under FtP proceedings</b>	<b>Removed under PII Rules or fraudulent application</b>
Male	220 (56%)	95	73	24	28
Female	172 (44%)	83	67	1	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>49</b>

*Reasons for resignations*

Total number of resignations	67
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*of which, the reasons cited were*

Moving overseas	16
Ill health/deceased	5

Career change	14
No longer practising	3
Cannot afford fee/meet renewal requirements/Covid 19	7
Taking a sabbatical	0
Family/personal reasons	6
Full-time study	0
Retired	9
Does not like GOsC/agree with policy	0
No reason provided	7

10. The number of resignations is consistent with the same period in the previous year (63 in 2022) which reflects the nature of registrations that happen monthly rather than at a single point in time.

*Non-practising registrants*

Total number of registrants who are listed as non-practising	141
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11. Based on the statistics reported to Council since October 2011 up to the beginning of the pandemic, at any one-time GOsC has on average 154 registrants who are out of clinical contact with patients. The main reason for registrants to be listed as 'non-practising' is because of maternity leave.

*Return to practice activity*

12. We offer a return to practice process to all applicants who have been away from UK practice for two years or more to support their transition back to practice. This process involves a self-assessment activity, which may then be followed by a meeting with two trained Return to Practice Reviewers.

Total number of applicants who went through the Return to Practice self-assessment process	10
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*International Registration Assessment activity*

13. A total of twenty registration assessments were completed in the reporting period.

Number of Non-UK Review of Qualifications	8
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Number of Further Evidence of Practice forms	7
Number of Assessments of Clinical Performance	5

14. In the year 2022-23, we conducted 40 return to practice and international registration assessments (31 in 2021-22).

**Recommendation:**

1. To note the registration statistics for the six-months to 31 March 2023.