

# Information pack for applicants

Opportunity for two osteopaths, one who lives or works mainly in Scotland to join our Council.



Closing date for applications: 11.30am Monday 24 February 2025

Interviews will be held in person: Wednesday 21 May 2025



#### **Welcome from the Chair of Council**



Thank you very much for your interest in joining the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) as a member of Council. Our Council sets the strategic direction for the organisation and oversees the executive team through constructive scrutiny.

I joined GOsC in April 2024 and have been impressed with the work of both the Council and the wider organisation. Our organisation values are: collaborative, influential, respectful and evidence-informed. We want Council members to embody these values in their work.

The GOsC has a proud history of high performance, as assessed by the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care. We believe that this reflects our diligent, collaborative and thoughtful approach to regulation.

Through this recruitment exercise, we will be looking for candidates who can contribute to our ongoing development, ensuring that our Council remains at the forefront of regulatory innovation and that all our procedures remain robust, independent and fair. We believe that diversity – including life experience, skill set, and thought – is a strength, and we welcome applications from a wide range of individuals who might be interested in joining our Council.

This information pack provides details about the role and what the GOsC is seeking from our successful candidates.

Thank you again for your interest and I very much hope you will consider applying.

Jo Clift

Chair of Council

January 2025

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For information regarding the selection process or any other queries about this role, please contact Amanda Chadwick or Jane Saunders, Human Resources team: <a href="https://doi.org.uk">https://doi.org.uk</a>.

#### Introduction

Thank you for your interest in these roles.

The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) is the regulator for osteopathic practice in the UK. Its purpose is to protect the public by ensuring high standards of education, practice and conduct among osteopaths and the integrity of the statutory Register. Osteopaths are required to be registered with the GOsC and there are just over 5,600 osteopaths on the Register today.

We commit to carrying out and delivering on our responsibilities collaboratively and respectfully, informed by evidence, and to constructively support and influence those we work with to enhance public protection.

The GOsC is a charity registered in England and Wales (1172749).

#### The roles

We are currently recruiting two osteopath members to join Council, one who lives or works mainly in Scotland. Council is responsible for ensuring that the GOsC fulfils its statutory objectives.

In this pack we use the term 'competencies' to mean transferable skills, knowledge and behaviours that help us determine whether the candidate is suitable for the role. NB transferrable skills, knowledge and behaviours means that these can be from any aspect of your life. For example, a social club you belong to, a parent association or alike.

Council members are paid an annual fee of £7,800.

You can read more about the GOsC's Council on page 6 and more about the GOsC on page 8.

#### Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging

The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) considers diversity to be a strength. We wish to encourage applications from candidates of all backgrounds, identities and/or protected characteristics, including individuals from across the UK including Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all. All appointments are made on merit. We believe that for any organisation to be successful, it needs to work with the most talented and diverse people available. We positively encourage applications from people from all communities and backgrounds with a broad range of experience. We will deal with your application fairly and all decisions we make about it will be based on merit and your ability to meet the competencies required for the role.

Please note that the information in Application form 2 is anonymised before being given to the selection panel for shortlisting. This is to avoid the panellists making any conscious or unconscious assumptions about you based on your application. To

assist with this, please also ensure that in Application form 2, in the sections where you set out your transferable knowledge, skills and behaviours against each competency, that you do not include any identifiable personal information such as your name, who you are, or any protected characteristics.

The GOsC is committed to the principles of equity, diversity, inclusiveness and belonging and Council is determined to ensure that its structure, including Committee appointments, reflects that commitment.

#### **Key dates**

The process is expected to run as follows:

Online information event Tuesday 11 February 2024 6pm to 7pm
 Application closing date 11.30am Monday 24 February 2025

Council meeting Thursday, 6 February 2025

If you would like to attend the public session of Council please email <a href="mailto:council@osteopathy.org.uk">council@osteopathy.org.uk</a>

• Shortlisting complete by End April 2025

Interviews
 21 May 2025 to be held in person

 Start date
 1 July 2025 (subject to Professional Standards Authority scrutiny and Privy Council approval)

#### **About the GOsC's Council**

Council is responsible for ensuring that the GOsC fulfils its statutory objectives.

It sets the strategic direction for the organisation and oversees the implementation of that strategy. The detailed role of Council is set out in the Governance Handbook.

Council is made up of five osteopath and five lay (not osteopath) members, all appointed by the <u>Privy Council</u>. At least one member is appointed from each of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The role of Council is to be satisfied that the GOsC is meeting its statutory duties under the Osteopaths Act 1993 and <u>other relevant legislation</u>. To meet these duties Council:

- Sets the corporate strategy and objectives for the GOsC, and decides key
  policies for the organisation, ensuring these fit with the GOsC's legal duties.
- Makes rules as provided for under the Osteopaths Act 1993.
- Approves the GOsC's annual Budget and Business Plan.
- Appoints the <u>Chief Executive and Registrar</u>.
- Keeps under review how the GOsC meets its charitable purpose and public benefit requirements.
- Holds the Chief Executive to account for the delivery of the corporate Strategy, Business Plan, Budget, risk mitigation, organisational performance, staff leadership and external perception.
- Ensures the quality of decision-making is supported by effective stakeholder engagement and appropriate evidence, including approving for consultation any policy proposal that relates to any matter reserved to Council and ensuring that due consideration has been given to all other policy matters by the relevant committee of Council.
- Provides effective oversight of any partnership arrangements entered into by the GOsC to support how the arrangement meets the GOsC's statutory objectives.
- Ensures that appropriate audit, control and assurance systems are in place.
- Appoints members of statutory and non-statutory committees on the recommendation of the Chair of Council.
- Maintains high standards of corporate governance.
- Makes sure that the <u>GOsC's values</u> are reflected in all of its work.
- Agrees and keeps under review a scheme of delegation.
- Ensures effective reporting to Parliament, the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care, the Charity Commission, and others.
- Undertakes those functions of Council not otherwise delegated to committees, including:

- Considering reports of the Registrar relating to fraud or error in relation to registration.
- With the approval of the Privy Council, recognising qualifications or withdrawing their recognition.
- Appointing legal assessors and medical assessors.
- Hearing appeals against decisions of the Registrar.
- Appointing financial auditors.
- o Approving the Annual Report and Accounts.
- Approving the financial reserves policy.

#### **Role of Council members**

Members of Council are expected to:

- help ensure protection of the public through regulation of the osteopathic profession
- work with key stakeholders to enhance professional standards and quality of osteopathic care
- ensure effective engagement with a wide range of interest groups so that policy making is adequately informed and is seen to be so
- set the strategic plan for the regulation of the profession and identify the key risks facing the organisation
- approve the budget in support of the strategic plan and review the registration fee annually
- ensure appropriate audit and monitoring systems are in place in relation to the key risks facing the organisation
- agree a scheme of delegation to committees
- hold the executive to account for the delivery of the business plan and the mitigation of risks
- provide appropriate support to the Chief Executive and Registrar in managing the organisation
- ensure the GOsC meets its equality duties
- make an Annual Report to Parliament on the GOsC's performance in relation to fitness to practise, value for money and equality and diversity
- appoint the Chief Executive

# **About the General Osteopathic Council**

The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) has a statutory duty to develop and regulate the profession of osteopathy with an overarching function of 'protection of the public'.

The core functions of the GOsC are:

- Assuring the quality of osteopathic education and training for osteopathic students and education providers.
- Registering qualified professionals on an annual basis and ensuring their continuing fitness to practise as osteopaths.
- Setting and promoting high standards of osteopathic practice and conduct.
- Helping patients with concerns about osteopaths and, where necessary, dealing
  with those concerns which can result in restrictions or removal of osteopaths from
  the Register.

The work of the GOsC is guided by our vision, which is to be an inclusive, innovative regulator trusted by all and by our Strategy 2024-30, which sets out the overarching approach that we intend to follow to fulfil our statutory objectives. These objectives are organised under the following three key priorities:

- **Strengthening trust**: We will work to enhance and improve our relationships with those we work with so together we can help protect patients and the public.
- Championing inclusivity: It is important to us that people who interact with us, or who work for us, can be their true selves and that we understand and break down any barriers which prevent them from doing so.
- Embracing innovation: We will continually seek out and take opportunities to improve what we do and how we do it, so we continue to improve as an organisation.

To learn more about our strategic priorities, please review the corporate documents available at: <a href="mailto:osteopathy.org.uk">osteopathy.org.uk</a>, including the <a href="mailto:GOSC Strategy">GOSC Strategy</a>.

#### Our values

We work collaboratively to be an influential and respectful regulator with an evidence-informed approach.

**Collaborative**: We work with our stakeholders to ensure patients and osteopaths are at the centre of our approach to regulation.

**Influential**: We seek to support and develop those we work with to enhance public protection.

**Respectful**: We seek to hear, understand and consider the views of the people with whom we engage.

**Evidence-informed**: We use a range of evidence to guide our work to ensure the best outcomes for patients and the public.

# Competencies required for the role

We will be assessing candidates using the criteria given below. To help candidates understand these criteria, we have set out our needs as follows:

- what we are looking for
- what we need
- why we need it

You will need to refer to these competencies when answering the questions on Application Form 2.

What we are looking for	What we need	Why we need it	When assessed?
Understanding of and commitment to the statutory role of the GOsC	<ul> <li>Understands the GOsC's purpose and role as a statutory regulator and its status as a registered charity</li> <li>Understands the importance of public and patient protection during discussions and decision-making</li> <li>Understands the importance of independent regulation and the specific challenges osteopaths face in their working environment</li> <li>Shows appropriate motivation for the role</li> </ul>	Council members need to have a full understanding of the purpose and role of the organisation so that they can provide helpful input to Council discussions	Application form and interview
Is able to constructively review information	<ul> <li>Is able to review information, plans and resource requirements</li> <li>Is able to identify opportunities and potential risks</li> </ul>	Council members     will need to review     policy and other     important     information so that     they can offer     helpful input to     Council     discussions and     decision making	Application form and interview

What we are looking for	What we need	Why we need it	When assessed?
Knowing how governance (how we make decisions) works and following the principles of good governance NB: governance is the structure that defines determines how an organisation is managed and who is responsible for its actions	<ul> <li>Is able to understand the importance of the principles of good governance and their responsibility as a trustee (see governance Handbook) and follows these.</li> <li>Is able to support and positively challenge staff to improve the performance of the organisation</li> </ul>	Council members must be able to work within a non- executive governance role	At interview
Is able to work collaboratively as part of a team	<ul> <li>Contributes openly and collaboratively in debates and discussions</li> <li>Is willing to reach consensus and support group decisions</li> <li>Is able to spend time preparing for meetings and attending them</li> <li>Is willing to take part in an induction process, training and development and take part in the annual appraisal process</li> <li>Is able to give and receive feedback</li> <li>and reflect on areas where training and personal development would be of benefit</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Council members must be able to participate in meetings and team decision making</li> <li>Council members must be open to personal growth and development, as this improves the work of Council overall</li> </ul>	Application form and interview

What we are looking for	What we need	Why we need it	When assessed?
Confident communication skills	<ul> <li>Demonstrates strong people skills and the ability to build relationships by gaining the trust and support of others</li> <li>Actively listens to others' opinions and respects them during decision-making, without trying to take control</li> <li>Is able to influence and persuade others using clear and logical arguments based on evidence</li> </ul>	Good people skills will help Council discussions to be productive     Individuals will need to be persuaded by strong arguments based on evidence	At interview
Commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging (EDIB) in terms of behaviours, decision-making and values	<ul> <li>Demonstrates a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging</li> <li>Understands the importance of an inclusive approach, and helps build public confidence in regulation</li> </ul>	All members of     Council must     commit to equity,     diversity and     inclusion and treat     everyone with     respect and     dignity which will,     in turn improve     the work of     Council	Application form and interview

# Desirable skills and experience

Skills and experience in any of the following areas are desirable but not essential. Our aim is to get a sense of the skills mix across our Council so we can address any gaps.

Competence	Attributes
Some knowledge and understanding of professional education and/or training in a regulated profession	<ul> <li>Has some up to date knowledge and understanding of higher education in the context of a regulated profession</li> <li>Has some understanding of the healthcare training environment through teaching, assessment, research or administration</li> <li>Has some understanding of the process for shaping policy in relation to professional education and training</li> </ul>
Risk, assurance and financial management	<ul> <li>Understands and has experience of risk management at a senior level, and the components of risk management systems</li> <li>Demonstrates the ability to scrutinise and challenge accounting and audit practice and methodologies; for example, for charity accounting</li> </ul>
IT and digital structures	Has experience of business management, including system or process change management and improvement, and the implementation of change programmes, especially involving information technology
Communications, engagement and digital	Has experience of communications, stakeholder engagement and/or digital
Corporate/commercial experience	Has experience of working within a business environment

#### **Eligibility**

We are currently recruiting two osteopath members to join Council, one who lives or works mainly in Scotland. Applicants need to be registered currently as an osteopath.

At least one member of Council (lay or osteopath) must live or work mainly in each of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

All GOsC posts are subject to the disqualification criteria outlined in <u>Appendix 3</u>, you will need to check these to make sure you are allowed to apply for this role.

# On appointment

#### **Payment**

Council members are paid an annual fee of £7,800.

Remuneration is taxable under Schedule E and subject to Class I National Insurance contributions. It is not pensionable.

Those appointed will also be eligible to claim expenses, at rates set centrally by Council, for travel and subsistence costs necessarily incurred on GOsC business. Remuneration and expenses are reviewed periodically.

**Warning: impact of appointment on people in receipt of benefits.** Your appointment may have an effect on your entitlement to benefits. If you are in receipt of benefits you should seek appropriate advice.

#### Time commitment

You would be expected to commit no more than 18 days a year. This includes preparation for and attendance at all Council meetings, an annual appraisal, training and development and involvement on working groups or shortlisting and interview panels. Also includes appointment to at least one of the following three Council committees:

- Audit Committee
- Policy and Education Committee
- People Committee

#### Length of appointment

The initial appointment is expected to be four years.

Reappointments can be made at the end of the first period of appointment for a further period not exceeding four years, subject to consistently high performance and the needs of the GOsC. There should be no expectation of automatic reappointment.

No person may serve on Council for longer than a total of eight years.

#### Location

All Council meetings are held in London in-person along with some Committee meetings. Meetings are usually held at the General Osteopathic Council offices in London, although meetings may be held remotely where appropriate. We will ensure that all meetings are inclusive and accessible.

Occasional travel to other locations may be required.

#### **Training**

Appropriate training for Council members will be provided. Successful candidates will be required to attend induction and training on dates to be arranged as soon as possible after appointment.

#### Appraisal system

All Council members, including Chair of Council are required to take part in the GOsC appraisal system and will receive appropriate training. Details of the appraisal process can be found in the Governance Handbook.

#### Standards in public life

You will be expected to demonstrate high standards of corporate and personal conduct. This includes behaving in accordance with the standards of probity ('the quality of being honest and behaving correctly') required by public appointees outlined in the 'Seven Principles of Public Life' set out by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (see Appendix 2), the GOsC Code of Conduct and other requirements outlined in the GOsC Governance Handbook.

You should be aware that this post is a public appointment or 'statutory office' rather than a job, and therefore is not subject to employment law.

As the GOsC is also a charity, successful applicants will be required to be aware of and apply the duties of a trustee. Further information about being a trustee is available on the <a href="Charity Commission website">Charity Commission website</a>.

# Due diligence

Checks may be undertaken as follows:

- fitness to practise history and whether this will undermine the confidence in the regulator if the candidate were appointed
- removal as a charity trustee
- roles with or associated to the GOsC
- disqualification from being a company director
- being declared bankrupt
- any convictions
- risk assessment of output on social media
- DBS checks
- for all candidates invited to interview, references and right to work in the UK checks are compulsory

#### **Disqualification from appointment**

There are circumstances in which an individual will not be considered for appointment and these are set out in Section 12 of The General Osteopathic Council (Constitution of the Statutory Committees) Rules Order of Council 2009. For more information, please see <a href="Appendix 3">Appendix 3</a>.

Further advice about disqualification for appointment can be given by contacting our HR team at: <a href="mailto:hr@osteopathy.org.uk">hr@osteopathy.org.uk</a>.

#### **Conflicts of interest**

You should note the requirement to declare any conflicts of interest when applying for a role and the need to declare any conflicts that arise once in post if successful. This includes the need to declare any relevant business interests, positions of authority or other connections with organisations relevant to the business of GOsC.

Any actual or perceived conflicts of interest will be fully explored by the appointment panel at shortlisting or interview stage. Guidance about conflicts of interest is set out in the GOsC Governance Handbook.

# Finding out more about the role

We are keen to encourage applications from people with varied and diverse backgrounds. For candidates who may have a range of additional questions that cannot be answered in an information pack, we are offering an **online briefing for candidates**. This will provide you with an opportunity to hear from a current Council member about the role. You can find further details below.

#### Online briefing event

We plan to hold the briefing on **Tuesday 11 February 2025**, from 6pm to 6.45pm. Our current Council member, Sandie Ennis, will answer your questions, help you to identify those transferrable skills and show how this role can enhance your practice overall, but the emphasis for the evening will be on answering questions from candidates. You are welcome to <a href="email questions in advance">email questions in advance</a> and it will also be possible to ask questions on the day. Find out more and sign up.

# Applying for a post

All applicants are required to complete and submit <u>Application Form 1</u> and <u>Application Form 2</u>, which can be accessed via Online surveys.

Applications will be acknowledged through a confirmation page on Application Form 2 if you submit your application through the online system. Instructions on how to email or download an electronic completion receipt are outlined in Application Form 2.

If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please email <a href="mailto:hr@osteopathy.org.uk">hr@osteopathy.org.uk</a> to check whether your application has been received. Please allow 5 days for an email confirmation.

Alternative formats of this information pack and the application forms are available on request from Amanda Chadwick, Human Resources Manager or Jane Saunders, Human Resources Administrator at: <a href="mailto:hr@osteopathy.org.uk">hr@osteopathy.org.uk</a>. All of these applications will be acknowledged.

Please note that the information in Application form 2 is anonymised before being given to the selection panel for shortlisting. This is to avoid the panellists making any conscious or unconscious assumptions about you based on your application. To assist with this, please also ensure that in Application form 2, in the sections where you set out your transferable knowledge, skills and behaviours against each competency, that you do not include any identifiable personal information such as your name, who you are, or any protected characteristics.

We must receive your completed application before the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.

#### How we will handle your application

We will deal with your application as quickly as possible and advise you if there are any changes to the timetable.

After the closing date for applications:

- Your application will be assessed to see whether you have demonstrated the skills, knowledge and behaviours required at the appropriate level for the post.
   Please ensure that you provide evidence to support how you meet all the relevant criteria, which are explained in the 'competencies required for the role' section. The selection panel will be:
- The selection panel will be:
  - Jo Clift, Chair of Council
  - Aishnine Benjamin, Independent Panel Member
  - Sandie Ennis, osteopath Council member
  - Gill Edelman, lay Council member
- If 20 or more applications are received, it is likely that your application will be preassessed before it is passed to the shortlisting panel for consideration. You should be aware that, in this situation, your application might not be considered in full by the panel.
- **By end April**, we aim to have made a decision about which candidates will be invited for interview, taking into account the evidence provided in your application. Interviews will take place in person on **21 May 2025**.
- Prior to your interview you will be asked whether you require any 'reasonable adjustments' to be made to facilitate your participation in the process.
- If invited to interview, the panel may ask you questions about your experience and expertise and may also ask specific questions to find out whether you meet the specified competencies. You could be asked to give a short presentation and/or to take part in a group discussion with other candidates.
- The candidates who best fit the criteria will be recommended for appointment.
- The Privy Council's decision about whether to offer the appointment will be informed by advice from the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care about the process the GOsC has used to select the recommended candidate.
- If you are successful, you will receive a letter from the Privy Council appointing you as a Council member of the General Osteopathic Council.
- If you are unsuccessful, you will be notified by the GOsC's Human Resources Manager.
- If, after interview, your application is unsuccessful and you would like feedback, please email Amanda Chadwick or Jane Saunders, Human Resources team at: <a href="hr@osteopathy.org.uk">hr@osteopathy.org.uk</a>

**Dealing with your questions –** for queries about your application, please contact Amanda Chadwick or Jane Saunders, Human Resources team at: hr@osteopathy.org.uk

# Your personal information

Your personal information will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulations and <u>our privacy notice</u>.

You will not receive unsolicited paper or emails as a result of sending us any personal information. No personal information will be passed on to third parties for commercial purposes.

When we ask you for personal information, we promise we will:

- only ask for what we need, and not collect too much or irrelevant information
- ensure you know why we need it
- protect it and, as far as is possible, make sure nobody has access to it who should not
- ensure you know the choices you have about giving us information
- make sure we do not keep it longer than necessary
- only use your information for the purposes outlined in our privacy notice that you have authorised

We ask that you:

- · give us accurate information
- tell us as soon as possible of any changes
- tell us as soon as possible if you notice mistakes in the information we hold about you

If you apply for a post, we will share some of the information you provide with the members of the selection panel, so that your application form can be assessed. The monitoring information you provide is not used in the selection process and will not be shared with the selection panel assessing your application.

#### Information management

If you submit an application form (in hard copy, alternative format or electronic form), your form and any supporting documentation will be kept for up to one year after the closing date for applications. The successful candidate's application materials will be kept for the duration of the appointment.

If at any time you wish your personal information to be removed from our records, please contact us at: <a href="mailto:hr@osteopathy.org.uk">hr@osteopathy.org.uk</a>.

#### **Complaints procedure for applicants**

Any complaints about the appointment process should be addressed to:

Human Resources Manager General Osteopathic Council Osteopathy House 176 Tower Bridge Road London SE1 3LU hr@osteopathy.org.uk

The complaints procedure applies where an applicant has evidence that processes or procedures in the appointment process have not been followed, or there is evidence of unfairness in how the process has been implemented, and therefore the objectivity or validity of decisions is called into question. The procedure is not to be used where the applicant simply disagrees with the principle of the process or the judgements or outcomes of the appointment panel.

#### The procedure is as follows:

- a. All applicants are informed of the complaints process in the applicant information pack.
- b. Where a complaint is upheld, the complaints procedure should also seek to identify a remedy for the complainant.
- c. The complaints procedure must be initiated by the applicant within 14 days of the relevant decision, setting out in writing the reasons why they considered that processes had not been followed or had been implemented unfairly.
- d. The complaint will be considered at first stage by the Chief Executive and Registrar with a decision sent within 28 days of receipt of the complaint.
- e. If not upheld, the applicant has the right to have his/her complaint considered at second stage by an independent panel appointed by the Council. This second stage appeal must be received within 14 days of the decision (d) above.
- f. The panel's decision will be given within 28 days of receipt of the applicant's request for a second stage review.
- g. If the applicant remains dissatisfied, they can raise their concerns with the Privy Council.

# The seven principles of public life

All applicants for public appointments are expected to demonstrate a commitment to, and an understanding of, the value and importance of the principles of public service. The Seven Principles of Public Life are:

#### **Selflessness**

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

#### Integrity

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

#### **Objectivity**

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

## **Accountability**

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

#### **Openness**

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

#### Honesty

Holders of public office should be truthful.

#### Leadership

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

## Disqualification criteria

# Extract from The General Osteopathic Council (Constitution of the Statutory Committees) Rules Order 2009

#### **Disqualification from appointment**

- **12.** A person is disqualified from appointment as a member of the statutory committees if that person—
  - (a) has been at any time convicted of an offence involving dishonesty or deception in the United Kingdom and the conviction is not a spent conviction;
  - (b) has at any time been convicted of an offence in the United Kingdom, and—
    - (i) the final outcome of the proceedings was a sentence of imprisonment or detention, and
    - (ii) the conviction is not a spent conviction;
  - (c) has at any time been removed-
    - (i) from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners, the Charity Commission, the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity—
      - (aa) for which the person was responsible or to which the person was privy,

or

- (bb) which the person by their conduct contributed to or facilitated, or
- (ii) under—
  - (aa) section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990(4) (powers of Court of Session to deal with management of charities), or
  - (bb) section 34(5)(e) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005(5) (powers of the Court of Session),

from being concerned with the management or control of any body;

- (d) has at any time been removed from office as the chair, member, convenor or director of any public body on the grounds, in terms, that it was not in the interests of, or conducive to the good management of, that body that the person should continue to hold that office;
- (e) at any time has been adjudged bankrupt or sequestration of the person's estate has been awarded, and—
  - (i) the person has not been discharged, or
  - (ii) the person is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order under Schedule 4A to the Insolvency Act 1986(6) or Schedule 2A to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(7) (which relate to bankruptcy restrictions orders and undertakings);

- (f) has at any time made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, the person's creditors and the person has not been discharged in respect of it;
- (g) is subject to-
  - (i) a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986(8),
  - (ii) a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(9) (company directors disqualification),
  - (iii) a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002(10), or
  - (iv) an order made under section 429(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986(11) (disabilities on revocation of a county court administration order);
- (h) has been included by-
  - (i) the Independent Barring Board in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006(12) or the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007(13)), or
  - (ii) the Scottish Ministers in the children's list or the adults' list (within the meaning of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007(14));
- (i) has at any time been subject to any investigation or proceedings concerning the person's fitness to practise by any licensing body, the final outcome of which was—
  - (i) the person's suspension from a register held by the licensing body, and that suspension has not been terminated,
  - (ii) the person's erasure from a register held by the licensing body or a decision that had the effect of preventing the person from practising the profession licensed or regulated by the licensing body, or
  - (iii) a decision that had the effect of only allowing the person to practise that profession subject to conditions, and those conditions have not been lifted;
- (j) has at any time been subject to any investigation or proceedings concerning the person's conduct, professional competence or health by the General Council, where the final outcome was that—
  - (i) the person's registration in the register was suspended and the order imposing that suspension has not been lifted,
  - (ii) the person's name was removed from the register (for a reason connected to the person's fitness to practise), or
  - (iii) the person's registration in the register was made subject to an order imposing conditions with which the person must comply and that order has not been lifted;

- (k) has at any time been subject to any investigation or proceedings relating to an allegation that the person's entry in the register was fraudulently procured or incorrectly made—
  - (i) in the course of which the person's registration was suspended and that suspension has not been terminated, or
  - (ii) the final outcome of which was the removal of the person's entry in the register;
- (I) is or has been subject to any investigation or proceedings concerning the person's fitness to practise by—
  - (i) any licensing body, or
  - (ii) the General Council,
  - and the General Council is satisfied that the person's membership of the statutory committees would be liable to undermine public confidence in the regulation of registered osteopaths; or
- (m) has at any time been convicted of an offence elsewhere than in the United Kingdom and the General Council is satisfied that the person's membership of the statutory committees would be liable to undermine public confidence in the regulation of registered osteopaths.