

Council 20 November 2019 Registration report	
Classification	Public
Purpose	For noting
Issue	The paper provides an update on registration activity covering the six-month period from 1 April 2019 – 30 September 2019.
Recommendation	To note the content of the report.
Financial and resourcing implications	None
Equality and diversity implications	None
Communications implications	None
Annex	None
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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 April 2019 to 30 September 2019.

Registration activities

Performance against service targets

- 2. The service level agreement for registering a new applicant, from receipt of a completed application, is five working days for UK applicants and 90 days for overseas applicants.
- 3. Performance against the targets in the reporting period was:
 - a. UK graduates/restorations: median time two days
 - b. EU applicants: median time 20 days (1 application)
 - c. Non-EU applicants: median time n/a days (0 applications).

NB: for EU and Non-EU applicants, the median time represents the period from the receipt of the initial qualification through to a completed registration application.

Registration data

Number of registrants and gender split

- 4. At the end of September 2019, the Register contained 5,458 osteopaths of which 50.92% of registrants are female (2,779) and 49.08% are male (2,679).
- 5. The age breakdown of the Register at the end of September 2019 was:

Age	Total registrants
Under 30	800
31-40	1,234
41-50	1,448
51-60	1,444
61-70	448
71-80	80
81-90	3
91+	1

Internal Market Information (IMI) system alerts

6. Since 18 January 2016 GOsC has been complying with the revised EU Directive 2013/55/EU and sending and receiving alerts through the IMI system about any prohibition placed on a registrant arising through fitness to practise proceedings.

Whether the UK will have access to IMI post EU-Exit remains to be seen although the expectation is that access will be denied.

7. In the reporting period, GOsC received 1,532 IMI alerts relating to prohibitions placed on healthcare practitioners by competent authorities, which is c.600 fewer than the previous six months. Each alert is checked by the Registration team, although to date, no further action has been required. Over a 12-month rolling period we have received c.3,600 IMI alerts.

Total number of entrants to the Register	249
of which	
First time applications	237

Entrants to the Register

of which

Number of registrants living in the UK	224
Number of registrants living in the EU	17
Number of registrants living outside of the EU	8

Removals from the Register

Restorations to the Register

Total number of removals (excluding resignations,	20	
retirements and death)		

of which, those removed for

Non-compliance with CPD	10
Non-payment of fee	7
Unacceptable professional conduct	2
Under PII Rules	1
Fraudulent application to the Register	0

8. Since the reporting of statistics to Council began, 250 registrants have been removed from the Register, with the majority removed for non-compliance with

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the CPD scheme rather than removed for non-payment of the registration fee. With the introduction of the three-year CPD scheme, effective from 1 October 2018, this will certainly change as removal from the Register for non-compliance with the CPD scheme will only arise at the end of a registrant's cycle.

9. The data below sub-analyses the removal from the Register data into different categories including age and gender.

Removals from the Register (age)

10. Of those registrants removed from the Register, 78% (180 registrants) are below the age of 50, of which 62% (105 registrants) are below the age of 40. The age range per reason for removal is set out in the table below.

Age range	Number of registrants	Removed for fee non- payment	Removed for CPD non- compliance	Removed under FtP proceedings	Removed under PII Rules or fraudulent application
20-29	47	26	19	1	1
30-39	76	30	46	0	0
40-49	72	28	36	7	1
50-59	37	7	24	6	0
60-69	12	2	6	3	1
70-79	4	0	2	2	0
Total	250	93	135	19	3

Removals from the Register (gender)

- 11. The total number of registrants removed from the Register since reporting of statistics to Council began in October 2011, indicates 52:48 split between male to female registrants removed from the Register.
- 12. Regardless of gender, removal for non-compliance with the CPD requirements outweighs removal for non-payment of the registration fee.

Gender	Number of registrants	Removed for fee non- payment	Removed for CPD non- compliance	Removed under FtP proceedings	Removed under PII Rules or fraudulent application
Male	131 (52%)	41	70	18	2
Female	119 (48%)	52	65	1	1
Total	250	93	135	19	3

Reasons for resignations

Total number of resignations	77	
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of which, the reasons cited were

Moving overseas	26
Ill health	10
Career change	13
No longer practising	10
No work/cannot afford fee/meet renewal requirements	4
Taking a sabbatical	4
Family reasons	1
Full-time study	1
Brexit	2
Does not like GOsC/agree with policy	0
No reason provided	6

13. The graph below represents the reasons provided by registrants for their resignation from the Register since statistics were reported to Council.



Registration refusals

Number of registration appeals carried forward from previous report and heard in the reporting period	0
Number of new registration appeals lodged	0

Non-practising registrants

Total number of registrants who are listed as non-practising	143
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of which

Maternity/paternity	41
Ill health	11
Sabbatical	16
Travelling	6
Other*	69

*Other includes: studying; not being able to find work; relocation of home/work premises; circumstances around the loss of a spouse/parent/child; acting as a carer; research; and pursuing other careers.

14. Based on the statistics reported to Council since October 2011, 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

15. 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	11	
self-assessment process		

International Registration Assessment activity

16. A total of 7 registration assessments were completed in the reporting period. During the reporting period, four applicants were found to be eligible to register with the GOsC.

Number of Non-UK Review of Qualifications	4
Number of Further Evidence of Practice Questionnaires	2
Number of Assessments of Clinical Performance	1

Recommendation: to note the content of the registration report.

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