



Council
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Registration report

Classification Public

Purpose For noting

Issue The paper provides an update on registration activity covering the six-month period from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Recommendation To note the content of the report.

Financial and resourcing implications Council will be aware that the primary source of income for the GOsC is from registration fees, and therefore any movement in the Register has an impact on our annual income. We have been particularly mindful of this during the coronavirus pandemic.

Equality and diversity implications The paper provides a range of data about our registrants which relates to equality and diversity, for example, age profile and gender balance.

Communications implications None

Annex None

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Key messages from the paper:

- At the end of September 2020 there were 5,424 osteopaths on the Register which demonstrates that during the pandemic there was not a significant 'walk-away' from the Register.
- In the reporting period, April 2020 to September 2020, 176 osteopaths joined the Register, which demonstrates that the flow of students onto the Register remained healthy.
- At the end of September 2020, the number of non-practising registrants stood at 238, which was down on peak of 330 during the height of the pandemic.

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 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Registration data

Number of registrants and gender split

2. At the end of September 2020, the Register contained 5,424 osteopaths of which 51.25% of registrants are female (2,780) and 48.75% are male (2,644).
3. The age breakdown of the Register at the end of March 2020 was:

Age	Total registrants
Under 30	663
31-40	1,196
41-50	1,446
51-60	1,471
61-70	546
71-80	94
81+	8

Internal Market Information (IMI) system alerts

4. 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.
5. In the reporting period, GOsC received 1,087 IMI alerts relating to prohibitions placed on healthcare practitioners by competent authorities, which is 607 less 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 in excess of 2,700 IMI alerts.

Entrants to the Register

Total number of entrants to the Register	176
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of which

First time applications	165
Restorations to the Register	11

of which

Number of registrants living in the UK	169
Number of registrants living in the EU	3
Number of registrants living outside of the EU	4

Removals from the Register

Total number of removals (excluding resignations, retirements and death)	23
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of which, those removed for

Non-compliance with CPD	0
Non-payment of fee	17
Unacceptable professional conduct	0
Under PII Rules	6
Fraudulent application to the Register	0

6. Since the reporting of statistics to Council began, 281 registrants have been removed from the Register, with the majority removed for non-compliance with the CPD scheme rather than removed for non-payment of the registration fee, although this will change over time due to the change in the CPD scheme implemented in 2018.
7. The data below sub-analyses the removal from the Register data into different categories including age and gender.

Removals from the Register (age)

8. Of those registrants removed from the Register, 74% (209 registrants) are below the age of 50, of which 64% (133 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	50 (18%)	28 (24%)	19 (14%)	1 (5%)	2 (22%)
30-39	83 (30%)	36 (32%)	46 (34%)	0 (0%)	1 (11%)
40-49	76 (27%)	29 (25%)	38 (28%)	7 (37%)	2 (22%)
50-59	44 (16%)	12 (10%)	26 (19%)	6 (32%)	0 (0%)
60-69	20 (6%)	7 (6%)	6 (4%)	3 (16%)	4 (45%)
70+	8 (3%)	4 (3%)	2 (1%)	2 (11%)	0 (0%)
Total	281	116	137	19	9

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 55:45 split between male to female registrants removed from the Register.
10. 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	154 (55%)	58	71	18	7
Female	127 (45%)	56	66	1	4
Total	281	114	137	19	11

Reasons for resignations

Total number of resignations	102
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of which, the reasons cited were

Moving overseas	23
Ill health	7
Career change	21
No longer practising	9
No work/cannot afford fee/meet renewal requirements/Covid 19	15
Taking a sabbatical	2
Family reasons	5
Full-time study	1
Brexit	1
Does not like GOsC/agree with policy	3
No reason provided	15

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	238
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11. 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.

12. We know there had been an increase in non-practising applications due to the impact of COVID-19, although the number recorded as non-practising has reduced from its peak of 330 during the height of the pandemic.

Return to practice activity

13. 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	6
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International Registration Assessment activity

14. A total of three registration assessments were completed in the reporting period. During the reporting period, no applicants were found to be eligible to register with the GOsC.

Number of Non-UK Review of Qualifications	3
Number of Further Evidence of Practice Questionnaires	0
Number of Assessments of Clinical Performance	0

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