Reference	Concern	Action taken	Rationale	Old paragraph reference	New paragraph reference
J -Gen - 1 - Oct	There are hardly any examples (as opposed to illustrative categories)	No action taken.	We do not think further (necessarily hypothetical) examples are required. Some of those we reviewed in other documents appear facile and some raise more questions than they answwer. This was not an issue for the OEIs that reviewed the draft. In addition, some OEIs were not particularly comfortable about citing specific examples which, in a small profession, could be identified with particular individuals.		
J - Gen - 2 - Oct	It would help to have numbered paragraphs	Paragraphs now numbered	clarity of reference		
J - Gen - 3 - Oct	It could do with more headings - whole pages (or sometimes more than one) without headings are difficult to read and makes the document harder to navigate.	No action taken.	The reformatting has minimised the gaps between sub-headings so we do not think that more are required. In may cases there are already several headings per page making navigation more straightforward.		
J - Gen - 4 - Oct	Some of the sentences are extremely long - 40 or 50 words (even 80 word in one	A number of longer sentences have been broken - up or redrafted.	clarity.		

place) are not helpful.

J1 - Oct		Drafting amended to remove the tautology to read 'This guidance covers our expectations and the requirements and duties that arise from the Equality Act 2010.		page 3	
J2 - Oct	replace 'by' with 'on'	No action taken.	by' not 'on' is intended and has not been amended. Some OEIs offer degrees validated by a university (which has degree awarding powers). Standards and requirements are specified by the validating university as a condition of validation.		
J3 - Oct	Is a glossary necessary or helpful? Some of the terms aren't relevant to this guidance, and if the explanations were simpler, they would be more useful in the text.	The glossary has been deleted.	Terms incorporated into guidance for clarity.		
J4 - Oct	Clarity about wording for a health reference for GOsC registration.	TO DO: Wording to be amended to say as follows: 'On first registration a prospective applicant for registration must submit a health reference from a doctor who has known them for four years. If the applicant is unable to obtain a reference from a doctor, they should obtain advice from the GOsC.'	Consistency in wording.	page 4	para 12

J5 - Oct	The new duty is to 'advance' (slightly stronger) but perhaps it was felt 'promote' was easier to understand.	No action taken.	We have left the word 'promote' in place in preference to 'advance' as we believe it is the more common usage, but this is a matter of stylistic preference and could easily be amended.	page 6		19
J6 - Oct	I'm not sure I follow the split between the different types of OEI. They're all service providers when they provide services to the public.	The offending sentence has been removed.	This was an attempt to distinguish between university OEIs and independent OEIs but of course all are subject to obligations as providers of services to the public.	page 6	19/20	
J7 - Oct	Is this what OEIs have been advised ie that they act as agents of universities.	TO DO - need to clarify legal advice position on this with Barrister.	This is our understanding but is not necessarily what all OEIs have been advices. The paragraph has therefore been amended to state only what is the case as a matter of fact, sufficient to ensure that non- university based OEIs offering university degrees do not think they are exempt.			20

J8 -Oct	as a shorthand for the public sector equality duty under the	Equality duties removed so that this now reads 'Much of this document is drawn from the equality duties that- apply to-advice provided to further and higher education institutions but it should nevertheless be used as a source of guidance by all Osteopathic Educational Institutions.'	This was an attempt to accommodate the different types of OEI by recognising that not all are universities and that some do not wish to be treated as such. We acknowledge that reference to 'equality duties' in this context may be misleading and have removed it. Nevertheless the guidance cited in the footnote is - we think - useful, so the sentence has been amended but the reference retained. However, this could be amended if the Code of Practice is published in time.	page 7		22
J9 - Oct	This would include discrimination arising from disability - first bullet and third bullet are the same.	Paragraph rewritten as follows: The Equality Act 2010 consolidates previous equality legislation. Much of what it requires will already be familiar to you from previous legislation. The new Act protects students from discrimination or harrassment on the basis of a 'protected characteristic' and also from victimisation, Disability is a protected characteristic.	been required to indicate which are new and which are additional. As a consequence that para has been	Page 7		23
J10 - Oct	pregnancy and maternity is covered in new protected characteristics.	removed and inserted as a footnote	clarity	page 7	23/24	

J11 - Oct	This could be simplified - replace 'The Equality Act protects students from discrimination or harrassment based on a list of what it refers to as protected characteristics and also from victimsation to 'on the basis of a 'protected characteristic' After the next sentence you could add 'The others are age etc see comment on glossary	Included as a footnote so as not to disrupt flow.	In the absence of a glossary, the ful list of protected characteristics is included as a footnote so as not to disrupt flow. On a related point, one of the drafing challenges has been to confine the guidance to disability and health impairments when the Act is of course much broader in scope.	II page 7	23
J12 - Oct	Unlawful discrimination isn't 'defined' suggest it says 'includes'.	Amended as suggested - defined deleted and includes replaced. Now reads 'Unlawful discrimination is- defined as includes	clarity	page 7	24

J13 - Oct	This should be deleted, the government is not bringing combined discrimination into effect.	The reference to combined discrimination has therefore been omitted.	We acknowledge that 'the government has decided not to bring forward the dual discrimination provisions in the Equality Act 2010', a decision included in the budget statement , and note that 'People who have experienced discrimination because of a combination of protected characgteristics, eg a black woman or a Mislim man, will still be able to bring one or more single characteristics claims'.			24
J14 - Oct	I doubt that the OEIs would look at the Act. It would be more useful to refer to the Government's statutory guidance on the definition of disability.	No action taken.	We would prefer to leave the footnoted reference on the assumption that some OEIs may well wish to consult the Act in preparing or redrafting their regulations, policies and procedures, but it can easily be deleted if GOsC considers it unhelpful or unecessary.	page 8	para 26	

However, it is not direct discrimination against a non disabled student to treat a disabled student more favourably because it is never unlawful to treat disabled students or applicants more favourably than non disabled students or applicants.	J15 - Oct	Even though this guidance is for OEIs and not students I think this could be more simply stated around direct discrimination	against a non disabled student to treat a disabled student more favourably because it is never unlawful to treat disabled students or applicants more favourably than non disabled students		page 8
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Section deleted

J16 - Oct Section on combined discrimination should be deleted. Combined discrimination not being page 8 na brought into force.

J17 - Oct	I don't think the OEIs will find these explanations easy to follow. Phrases are used that will not be familiar (eg "justified' and 'a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim'. They could be a lot simpler - see revised GMC Gateways guidance as example. If provisions, criteria or practices are mentioned if would be helpful to indicate that they are explained further down.	Simplifed as requested although terms remain in as this is what the OEIs expect.	Simplied as requested but we see no alternative but to mention proportionate means and legitimate ends so as to provide the level of explanation we think the OEIs expect and require.	page 9	29
J18 - Oct	I'm not sure the OEIs will understand the point here about 'However, there may be cases where the adjustments are unrelated to the unfavourable treatment in question.'	Offending sentence deleted now reads 'If you show that you did not know and could not reasonably be expected to know that the disabled student had the disability, the unfavourable treatment may not amount to unlawful discrimination arising from disability. However, you should make every effort to ensure that students are able to disclose information about disability and you shuld be alert to any indications that a student may be encountering difficulties resulting from a health impairment or disability.'		page 10	32

J19 - Oct	OEIs will not understand what 'provision, criterion or practice' mean.	Further reference to 'see below' to reference the section where this is mor fully explained. (See paragraphs 40 to 45).	Connection made to another part of the guidance where this is explained more fully.	page 10	35
J20 - Oct	The phrase' you should not expect disabled students to suggest adjustments' seems to contradict what is said in the student guidance.	paragraph amended to better express what is meant now to read 'It is good practice to work with students to determine what reasonable adjustments can be made but you should not expect disabled students to be aware of all the adjustments that might be available. Where a disabled student does make specific suggestions, you should consider whether or not the adjustments would help to overcome the disadvantage and whether or not the adjustments would help to overcome the disadvantage and whether or not they are reasonable.	Clarity	page 11	38
J21 - Oct	Reasonable adjustments and reasonable steps are the same thing.	deleted to eliminate tautology	clarity	page 11	44

J22 - Oct	I'm not sure that subtle messages about diversity would be understood as discriminatory messages as the sentence implies reads ' for example by tackling issues such as steroptyping and prejudice and the subtle messages about diversity that staff can sometimes convey despite an organisational commitment to equality.'	latter part of sentence deleted	clarity	page 12	48
J23 - Oct	Shouldn't refer to disabled people 'generally'	Drafting amended by removing word 'generally'.	clarity	page 13	52
J24 - Oct	Not sure what is meant by 'regulations' in the sentence 'reviewing and adjusting learning and assessment policies and practices to ensure that regulations do not inherently discriminate against disabled students'	regulations deleted to avoid confusion	regulations was meant to mean assessment regulations in this context by deleted to avoid confusion.	page 13	56
J25 - Oct	Does 'specialist services and resources available' relate to the OEI or the student	amended to indicate that this refers to 'staff know how to access'	clarity	page 14	56

J26 - Oct	Example - This is a good example but illustrates the anticipatory duty rather then the duty to respond to the needs of the individual. It's confusing here as the text immediately before it is about responding to individual requests. It would make more sense if it came immediately after the bullet points which also illustrate the anticipatiry duty.	Example moved as suggested.	clarity	page 14	56
J27 - Oct	One of the elements of the new legislation' suggests that it's a new element but the duty is effectively the same as what was under the DDA, Confusingly the way the duty is described reflects the DDA wording (eg 'refusing or deliberately omitting) rather than the words of the Equality Act.	drafting amended to avoid implication of new element.	clarity	page 14	59

J28 - Oct No comment cited.

	J29 - Oct	Sentence is almost 60 words long and not sure I understand the point about "and lead to independent practice." Sentence reads '	Drafting amended to read as follows: In preparing this guidance, OEIsa emphasised the importance of ensuring that prospective applicants are able to make an informed decision about a career in osteopathy. It is vital that applicants are made aware of the intellectual, physical, emotional and professional demands of training. This can be done by contrasting osteopathy with degrees that do not involve practical training, culiminate in professional registration, or lead to independent healthcare practice. Publicity material should include a named contact able to advise prospective applicants about the nature and demands of osteopathy as a profession and a career, the challenges of the course and the support that can be made available to disabled students.	history'. (Also FB comment note that there is no supported postgraduate training unlike other	page 15	62
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J30 - Oct	Sentence of over 60 words.	paragraph amended to reduce	clarity	page 15	65
		sentence length.			
J31 - Oct	replace 'can' with 'will'	will' substituted for 'can'	clarity	page 16	69

J32 - Oct What happens to students that No action taken. don't apply through the UCAS process. We can't say with confidence what page 16 non UCAS applicants are required to do, which may differ between institutions. Hopefully this guidance eill help to ensure that all OEIs adopt a similar and comprehensive approach to early disclosure for every applicant regardless of the application route. (FB comment The GOsC does not have statutory remit over admissions).

J33 - Oct	I'm not sure what our
	expectations and
	requirements are but isn't the
	important thing breach of its
	legal obligations. Sentence
	reads 'You are not in breach of
	your legal obligations or our
	expectations and
	requirements if you reach this
	conclusion [ie no reasonable
	adjustments suitable] having
	given due consideration to all
	reasonnable adjustments'.

No action taken.

The intention was to emphasise the page 17 GOsCs role as well as the law. The phrase 'our expectations and requirements' could be deleted but doing so further reduces the guidance to a statement of legal duties, as opposed to being a statement of both legal and regulatory body requirements. As a consequence the phrase has been left as it is.

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J34 - Oct	All possible reasonable adjustments - is considered what might be reasonable for the OEI to do?	Amended so now reads 'all <i>possible</i> reasonable adjustments'	clarity	page 17	73
J35 - Oct	Extensive range of what - there appears to be something missing. Or is it an 'extensive and appropriate range of therapeutic intervention'	Amended to read 'treat patients safely and effectively drawing upon an extensive range of osteopathic manual and other techniques'	transcription error now rectified	page 17	74
J36 - Oct	Does 'vision' mean sight or imagination?	amended to read 'leading to consideration of an applican's ability to assess risk derived from observations that require sensory acuity.'	clarity	page 18	74

J37 - Oct There is no reference to the Reference to appeals removed. appeals process in the student guidance. Who is the appeal to and where is the process set out. We have removed the reference to page19 appeals (See J20 Student Guidance below) but we do consider it appropriate to retain the reference to a process for dealing with compaints (for example about the conduct of the interview od a disabled applicant). However we do not think it is appropriate to provide further detail because the GOsC has no direct role in selection and would not, we assume, wish to get embroiled in the recruitment process by specifying how or to whom complaints should be made.

The sentence 'However, it is J39 - Oct drafting adjusted to better reflect the clarity important to acknowledge position expressed in the draft EHRC that your duty of care extends code. Now reads 'It is important to not only to students with acknowledge that your duty of care disabilities but also to the extends not only to students with larger student body. disabilities, but also to the larger **Reasonable adjustments** student body. It might be considered reasonable to expect other students to should not have an adverse impact on the learning tolerate a level of inconvenience to experiences of other students.' accommodate adjustments for a disabled student, but it may not be suggests that reasonable reasonable to expect anm OEI to make adjustments are simply balancing exercises between an adjustment that puts other the interests of the disabled students at a significant and persistent and other students. That's not disadvantage. ...' the case see para 7.88 of the

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J40 - Oct

Reasonable adjustments are not required to competence standards. Sentence reads '... but should never involve lowering the expectation threshold for autonomous practice'.

draft code.

Additional sentence inserted as follows: '...Indeed reasonable adjustments are not required to the competence standard itself something contributors to the quidance considered especially important in a practice based profession where patients put their trust in the ethical behaviour, technical explicitly to the competence competence and clinical expertise of the practitioner.'

We think the point (concerning the page 22 immutability of the competence stabdard) is described in a manner that reflects the concerns that OEIs expressed to us and in a form that they will readily apprehend and appreciate. The paragraph has been retained by amended to refer again standard.

J41 - Oct	No comment cited.	some additional commas inserted to break up the sentence	accessibility	page 24	104
J42 - Oct	An uneasy leap from the previous sentence and contradicts what is said in the second para on 025	No action taken on substance of point but clarity in language.	We don't think this is an uneasy leap but an accurate reflection of a question raised by the OEIs that follows on fro their concerns which are set out in the previous sentence. In short, this is their experience and the question they ask themselves. Furthermore, we do not think it contradicts the next page but rather sets the scene for the answer 'However you' We have however tried to improve the wording.	page 24	104
J43 - Oct	Registrants do not make 'reasonable adjustments' for themselves - this is about self- management. If the registrant is working for an employer, the employer has the duty to make the reasonable adjustments.	paragraph amended accordingly	clarity of language	page 25	108
J44 - Oct	This sentence is extremely long at 80 words.	paragraph amended to reduce sentence length.	clarity	page 25	108
J45 - Oct	Shouldn't widening participation be at the front of the guidance raher than at the end - seems almost an afterthought.	Moved to first page	improved structure	page 25	1

Amended as follows: 3 This guidance Drafting amended to avoid any J1 - Nov I understand the consultants point in ther response to J2 covers our expectations and the duties potential for confusion with the Oct. But 'those' reads as if its that arise from the Equality Act 2010 – Public Sector Equality Duty referring to equality duties in particular the legal obligations you imposed by the university. owe to disabled applicants and 'Equality duties' is itself students. The guidance does not confusing as it's often used as address other equality issues such as a shorthand for the PSED. The gender or religious belief (which now consultants have changed it come under the same legal umbrella elsewhere. I think this would as disability), nor does it cover the be clearer if it read 'the duties *equality* duties you may have (under you may have [under the Act] the Act) as an employer or the as an employer or the standards or requirements imposed by [standards or] requirements a validating university. imposed by....

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J2 - Nov I don't understand the agency Paras 19 and 20 have been amended 'non-university based OEIs realise from this paragraph the education provisions as the consultants say. They have institutions. OEIs that are not deleted the first reference to agents but left this one. Will OEIs realise what its referring to?

point (consultants response to as per the suggested redrafting prev J7 - Oct). I'm not sure that (following legal advice on paras 19 and 20) as follows '19 Osteopathic offering university degrees will Education Institutions which are universities will be subject to the that they are not exempt from Equality Act provisions that apply to further and higher education universities or further or higher education institutions will be subject to the provisions of the Act governing the activities of service providers. In addition, OEIs that are not universities but who provide university validated degree courses, may be regarded as the agent of the university under the Act and as such be indirectly subject to made immediately before it. In the provisions governing further and higher education institutions. Despite these differences of status the duties of all OEIs under the Equality Act will be very similar, and for the most part no distinction is made in this guidance the PSED in para 19, inviting the as to the duties owed by different types of OEI. There is, however, one important distinction - the public

J2 Nov comment: we hope the amendments (following legal advice) to para 20 deal with the point about 'agency' and our view is that OEIs will not have any difficulty in understanding this. It is worth noting that the lawyer has in fact used the term 'agent' in the redrafting of the preceding paragraphs. paras 19 and 20 have been amended as per the suggested redrafting - with the exception of a minor reordering at the end of para 19. We think the reference to the PSED needs to come here because it is an exception to the point that's other words, it seems odd to say in para 19 that all OEIs will be treated the same, and then fail to mention the exception until the next para, so we have inserted a signpost to reader to move on to an elaboration in para 20.

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J3 - Nov	In their response to previous [J14], the consultants say some OEIs may wish to consult the Act. I don't think they'd get much out of looking at Sch 1 but they would find the Govt's statutory guidance helpful as it explains the provisions and gives lots of examples. I think it should be referenced either here or in section 4 (see para 30 students' guide).	statutory guidance in the footnote but	We have inserted a reference (and hyperlink) to guidance but consider it important to retain the reference to Schedule 1 of the Act as the primary source for such determinations. If GOsC disagrees, the first part of the footnote can be deleted.	26	26
J4 - Nov	Should reflect additional sentence in students' guide para 31 on past disability	an addition as been inserted at the end of para 27 (and is now consistent with the student guidance). Additional sentence now reads'In determing whether someone is disabled the effects of treatment or medication are to be ignored save in relation to impairments of sight that are correctable by spectacles or contact lenses. The Act also protects people who have had a disability in the past.'	Consistency with student guidance.	27	27

J5 - Nov	can now be discriminated against if you're not disabled but you're treated less well because of the disability of someone you're associated	amended by removing 'disabled' to ensure wording is consistent with the concept that you can be discriminated against because of the disability of someone you are associated with. Now reads - '28 Direct discrimination occurs if you treat a disabled -student less favourably than you treat, or would treat, another student because of the disability. For a student to show that they had been directly discriminated against they would have to compare what happened to them with what happened, or would happen, to a student without their disability. '	To ensure clarity	28	28

J6 - Nov

See comment on para 57we have elaborated the reference tostudents' guide ie This shouldauxiliary aids to refer also tomake clear that it also includesservices/assistancean auxiliary service ie any kindof help (see my comments onthe previous glossary. Theconsultants haven't respondedto all of these.). Should bereflected in OEIs guide too.

Elaborated slightly, however, we do not think it appropriate or helpful to provide a longer list in the text which might then be construed (erroneously) as exhaustive rather than illustrative. 35

J7 - Nov	 and proportionate' was removed from the sentence 'There is no justification for failing to make a reasonable adjustment where the duty applies, but it extends only to what it is reasonable and proportionate. ' as proportionality is included in 	And proportionate' removed as suggested	'proportionate' deleted as tautological (despite our view that some tautologies are acceptable as a means of emphasising a point and helping readers to better appreciate what is required).	

J8 - Nov This doesn't convey what's covered by criteria such as rules or conditions (see draft code para 5.5). A footnote has been added quoting para 5.5 of the draft Code as follows -'What is meant by provision, criterion and practice?' as follows: 'This should be construed broadly to include "...any formal or informal policies, rules, practices, arrangements, criteria, conditions, prerequisites, qualifications or provisions." (Para 5.5, Draft Code of Practice: Further and Higher Education, October 2010, Equality and Human Rights Commission.'

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J9 - Nov	been used elsewhere. It would	para 52 amended to reflect change made to student guidance as follows 'This means that you must plan ahead and anticipate the requirements of prepare for the inclusion of disabled- people people with different kinds of disability (for example people whose vision or mobility is impaired) by improving your facilities, services'		52	52
J10 - Nov	of 'do not culminate' and 'and lead' wasn't clear (did it mean	para 62 further refined to avoid any misunderstanding as to its meaning ;This can be done by contrasting osteopathy with degrees that do not involve practical training, culminate in professional registration, or lead to and independent healthcare practice.	clarity	62	62
J11 - Nov	may' would be better (or 'will' if you mean all)	wording amended to better convey the intended meaning to read 'Prospective students with a long- standing disability can will have a keen sense of their capabilities and many will have developed a variety of strategies for managing and compensating for functional limitations. '	Clarity	83	83

J12 - Nov Is this meant to have a comma missing comma inserted to clarify

> ie 'As such,...' Or does it mean meaning. 'Because such students'? - in which case. the sentence needs to continue in some way.

J13 - Nov

It is not always the case that adjustments can be agreed and made at the outset which last for the duration of the course. It can be especially challenging to help those students whose disability emerges mid-course, ...' This wouldn't be good practice anyway – they should be kept under continual review – see this be rephrased – eg particular care should be taken...

Amended in part to reflect concerns now reads 'Contributors to the preparation of this guidance observed that it is easier to make adjustments for students whose disability is discernible, enduring and relatively stable – such as a hearing impairment or restricted mobility - than it is to meet the needs of students with concealed or fluctuating conditions as occurs, for example, with some draft code para 7.27 and Could students who have mental health conditions or certain physical conditions. Special care is needed to recognise and respond appropriately to help and support those students whose disability emerges mid-course, or whose health condition runs an unpredictable path or is episodic in nature, or who are more susceptible to the inevitable stress points inherent in any course...'

this is a good example of a number of instances where we have tried to reflect the concerns and experiences expressed to us, not least as a means of demonstrating relevance and to secure acceptability of the guidance among the principal audience, but which we accept would not necessarily be used if the guidance was written only as an interpretation of the law. We have tried to amend the drafting of para 97 to accommodate J's concerns, but also to retain something of the thrust of what OEIs told us so that they recognise the point.

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J14 - Nov See J13

J15 - Nov	change in disease management or treatment regime' - Is disease the right word as opposed to a change in the management of their condition (or impairment)?	wording in box amended.	clarity	97 - box underneath	97 - box underneatl	h
J16 - Nov	Apologies – I didn't put comment in previous [J41]. It's a point made elsewhere – it's confusing to refer to reasonable adjustments here because they're things that are made for disabled students by someone else such as an education provider or employer. This is about students managing their own condition and making any necessary changes to the way they work.	Amended to read '104 Contributors to the preparation of this guidance expressed concern that some disabled students who have demonstrated achievement of the required standard with the benefit of reasonable adjustments may not make the necessary changes to the way they work once registered, or may be less assiduous in taking medication for a long-term condition in the manner prescribed. '	Again, this para reflects a concern that was raised by OEIs and is expressed in the manner they described it, essentially as a means of getting to the point about speculating as to future behaviour. However we take the point that the concept of 'reasonable adjustment' is what employers and educators do, so the wording has been amended.		104	104

Section 5: following our tele conference we have added a sentence to the EHRC section alerting people to the wide range of publications they produce. This now reads: The EHRC produces a range of publications to help with the interpretation of the Act and these can be downloaded from its website. It can be accessed at: http://www.equalityhumanrights.com index