

GENERAL OSTEOPATHIC COUNCIL

Minutes of Part I of the 56th meeting of the Education Committee (EdC) which took place after the Part II EdC meeting on Tuesday 16 June 2009 at Osteopathy House, 176 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 3LU.

Unconfirmed

PART I (*items which will be reported to the Public Session of Council at its next meeting*)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1. There were no apologies for the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 2. The Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Education Committee were the only two members of the previous Education Committee but the unconfirmed minutes had been presented to the Council at its meeting in March 2009. No amendments were suggested then and so the minutes were accepted as a true record of the February 2009 meeting and signed by the Chair of the Committee.

MATTERS ARISING

- 3. There were no matters arising

CHAIR AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS MANAGER’S ACTION AND REPORT

- 4. The Chair had nothing additional to report. The Professional Standards Manager presented a departmental report and confirmed that the three consultations on Revalidation, the Osteopathic Practice Framework and the Osteopathic Practice Standards were due to end on 30 June 2009.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 5. The Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the EdC, had compiled a list of items that would represent future work for the Committee:
 - a. Annual reports from Osteopathic Educational Institutions (OEIs)
 - b. Student clinical placements
 - c. Scope of Osteopathic Practice
 - d. Accreditation of Continuing Professional Development
 - e. Specialisation and Accreditation of Advanced Training
 - f. Research as part of training
 - g. Revalidation – assessment methods and pilot design
 - h. Osteopathic Practice Standards – agreed
 - i. Recognised Qualifications – schedule of forthcoming work
 - j. Additional work areas identified by the Osteopathic Educational Institutions (OEIs)

6. This was not an exhaustive list and the Council would prioritise issues at its Strategy Planning day in September. The Executive would be writing to the OEs to see if they had any further items of potential work to add to the list.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. The Committee recorded its thanks for the significant contribution to the GOsC's work on professional standards made by the former Chair of the Education Committee, Professor Trudie Roberts. Members also wished a note of thanks recorded for the Professional Standards Manager, Marcus Dye, who had worked extremely hard to maintain the running of the Professional Standards Department and its associated work for the past nine months in the absence of a Head of Professional Standards.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8. Thursday 17 September at 2.00pm.