

Summary of the Education Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2011 – 66th meeting of the Education Committee

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OSTEOPATHIC PRACTICE STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION

The Education Committee was presented with an update on the implementation process. This included training programmes for QAA assessors.

The Committee agreed to publish the invitation to tender for the revision of the Registration Assessments used by the GOsC and also the members of the selection panel for the revision of the registration assessment procedures.

STUDENT FITNESS TO PRACTISE UPDATE

Following the independent legal review of the suite of four pieces of guidance, the Education Committee agreed to publish the *Guidance about Professional Behaviours and Fitness to Practise for Osteopathic Students* and *Student Fitness to Practise: Guidance for Osteopathic Educational Institutions* and also the *Osteopathic Education and Training: Guidance for Applicants and Students with a Disability or Health Impairment* as and *Students with a disability or health impairment: Guidance for Osteopathic Education Institutions (OEIs)*.

It was noted that this is the first time guidance in these areas had been issued by GOsC and it was expected that an evaluation would be undertaken in two years time.

PRE-REGISTRATION CURRICULUM CONTENT

The Committee revisited this item, which had first been considered in March 2011. As part of a more detailed scoping exercise, the Committee were informed that the purpose and aim had been developed further and shared with the OEIs. The Committee agreed to the evolving thinking, and agreed to the purpose of the Pre-registration Curriculum Review as an aspirational document providing guidance about undergraduate osteopathic education to support the development of undergraduate education subject to the agreement of Council. It was suggested that the title of the document should be changed as it no longer describes the purpose of the document.

QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) REVIEW – REFRESHING THE VISITOR POOL

The Committee agreed that the existing pool of QAA visitors is retained for the present time and that a recruitment exercise be undertaken by the QAA for additional visitors. It was also agreed that training and appraisal should be undertaken on an annual basis for all QAA visitors.

QUALITY ASSURANCE – INTERNATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The Committee considered that the major strategic issues involved with the recognition of qualifications awarded outside the UK, would be best considered as part of a seminar to be held as part of the next Education Committee meeting. It was agreed to bring the paper back to a further meeting with dedicated time for discussion.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD MEDICAL PRACTICE (GMP) CONSULTATION

The Committee was content with the GOsC's draft response to the GMC's consultation on *Good Medical Practice* and agreed to recommend it to Council. It was also noted that the document contained similar domains to the GOsC Revalidation Pilot Manual.

Full minutes of the meeting will be published when confirmed by the next meeting of the Committee on 14 March 2012.

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