



Education and Registration Standards Committee

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Quality Assurance: Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy – Review

Classification	Public
Purpose	For noting
Issue	This paper provides an update about the review of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) Subject Benchmark Statement: Osteopathy.
Recommendation	To note the development of the revision of the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy.
Financial and resourcing implications	None
Equality and diversity implications	None
Communications implications	None
Annex	GOC Consultation Response to the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education Consultation on the <i>Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy</i> .
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Background

1. At its meeting on 2 October 2014, the Education and Registration Standards Committee (the Committee) discussed the draft Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) *Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy* consultation which was published on 30 September 2014 for consultation and the themes the Committee would like to see in its response to the consultation.
2. On 11 November 2014, the Committee considered the draft written consultation response and provided comments. The response was finalised and submitted to the QAA on 25 November 2014. The final response is attached at the Annex.
3. This paper provides an update on the QAA *Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy* consultation.

Discussion

4. Our response was considered at the QAA Working Group meeting which took place on 28 November 2014.
5. There was general agreement that the draft *Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy* would be redrafted to take into account the responses received in the consultation and that there should be further consultation with other health professional organisations before the *Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy* was finalised.
6. The timetable for publication of the *Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy* is now to publish before July 2015. The Subject Benchmark Statement Working Group will now also be able to take account of the *Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education* which was agreed for publication by Council in January 2015.

Recommendation: to note the QAA Consultation on the Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy.