

In Council

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14 July 2011 – 72nd meeting of the General Osteopathic Council

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Revalidation

Council made a series of decisions taking forward the Revalidation Pilot. These were:

- Agreement of the *Guidelines for Osteopaths Seeking Revalidation (Revalidation Pilot)* for the 2011/12 Revalidation
- Publication of a report which sets out the how the pilot will be evaluated
- Publication of a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) discussion paper to generate debate in the profession about improving the CPD scheme alongside revalidation.

Council also agreed formally to launch the Pilot which will commence with training events for participants in September.

Enabling Excellence – the next steps

Following initial discussions at the April meeting, Council received an update on work undertaken in response to the recent government policy statement on healthcare professional regulation *Enabling Excellence*. This included how GOsC can help with the development of the profession while at the same time find opportunities to make savings or work collaboratively with other regulators.

Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence (CHRE) Performance Review 2010-11

Council received the CHRE's Performance Review report *Changing regulation in changing times 2010-11* which was extremely positive, confirming that the GOsC had maintained effective regulation across all of its regulatory functions, with patient safety and public interest at the core of its activities. The full report can be found at www.chre.org.uk.

Equality and Diversity Policy

Council agreed an interim policy statement on equality and diversity, produced following the passing of the Equality Act 2010, which will be updated once formal guidance on GOsC's new equality duty is available.

Recognised Qualifications – streamlining the process

It was agreed to streamline the process of granting Recognised Qualification (RQs) to minimise delays to Osteopathic Educational Institutions. In future Council will allow the Executive to negotiate minor drafting changes and delegate more substantial changes to the Education Committee for decision, while final approval will continue to rest with Council.

Quality assurance of osteopathy qualifications

Council considered the results of the consultation on a revised Quality Assurance Review Method Handbook and agreed to publish the revised version which will come into effect on 1 September 2012.

GOsC Annual Report and Accounts – 2010-2011

Council approved the Annual Report and Accounts for 2010-11. These will be published shortly on the website.

Welsh Language Scheme

As part of its duty under the Welsh Language Act, GOsC has developed a Welsh Language Scheme which, following consultation and approval by the Welsh Language Board, has now been approved by Council.

Future Council meetings

- 11 October 2011
- 26 January 2012
- 17 April 2012

Meetings begin at 10am at Osteopathy House. Agendas and papers for the public session are available at www.osteopathy.org.uk 7 to 10 days before the meeting.

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