

In Council

12 January 2012 – 74th meeting of the General Osteopathic Council

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Budget Strategy and fees

The draft budget, prepared by the Executive, against the backdrop of the Government cost reduction agenda as set out in *Enabling Excellence* was presented. The draft budget set out the forecast 2012-13 budget position including expenditure forecasts, identified savings and the potential impact on the registration fee. Council agreed that any savings identified in the 2012-13 budget should be passed back to the profession through a fee reduction.

Governance Review

Council agreed that it was an appropriate time to carry out a review of the governance of the GOsC. A working group would be established to report and make recommendations to Council in July 2012 with a view to complete implementation (subject to any legislative or consultation requirements) by 1 April 2013.

General Medical Council's Consultation on *Good Medical Practice 2012*

Council agreed a draft response from the GOsC to the GMC on its consultation on the core ethical standards for doctors contained in their revised publication *Good Medical Practice 2012*. The areas of particular interest to osteopaths are those where doctors' patients are also consulting other health professionals such as osteopaths. The GOsC response highlights the importance of doctors working in partnership with the wider healthcare team *and* the patient to emphasise the importance of an integrated patient journey or patient pathway throughout their experience of healthcare, whether in the public or private arena. We know that osteopaths have mixed experiences in engaging with general practitioners about the care of their patients and we hope that highlighting some of these issues with the GMC may help improve the situation.

Revalidation Pilot

Council received an update on the progress of the Revalidation Pilot including the launch of an e-bulletin for pilot participants and progress with recruiting osteopaths to become Revalidation Pilot Assessors. Nearly 50 osteopaths have applied to become assessors and will be interviewed by a panel including osteopaths nominated by the BOA and osteopathic educational institutions.

Chair designate

Alison White the Chair designate attended the meeting as part of her handover of duties from Professor Adrian Eddleston who she succeeds on 1 April.

Future Council meetings

Thursday 29 March 2012

Tuesday 17 July 2012

Wednesday 10 October 2012

Thursday 13 December 2012

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Wednesday 17 July 2013

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