



Policy Advisory Committee

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Primary Source Verification

Classification	Public
Purpose	For noting
Issue	<p>The GOsC has been working with an external organisation, DataFlow, to introduce an online portal for use by the Osteopathic Education Institutions (OEIs) to verify the credentials of the qualification(s) of someone wanting to join an osteopathic course.</p> <p>DataFlow will provide PAC with a short presentation to assure the committee as to the robustness of the primary source verification checks it undertakes.</p>
Recommendations	To note the presentation received from DataFlow and the work completed to date.
Financial and resourcing implications	None
Equality and diversity implications	None
Communications implications	None
Annex	Screenshots of primary source verification online portal
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Background

1. The Director of Registration and Resources has previously engaged with the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Osteopathic Education Institutions (OEIs) on how to verify the credentials of the qualifications of someone wanting to join an osteopathic course.
2. Both PAC and the OEIs were advised that GOsC was in discussion with a provider – DataFlow - who would be able to undertake what is called, primary source verification, i.e. checking the credentials of the qualification(s) of someone wanting to join an osteopathic course.

Discussion

3. DataFlow have developed an online portal which has been viewed by the Director of Registration and Resources. He is content that the test site is ready to be rolled out to the OEIs for their use. DataFlow prepared a simple set of slides, annexed to this paper, which detail the basics of primary source verification, how the process works, and some generalised screenshots of the system.
4. The GOsC is not mandating that every applicant needs to have their qualification(s) checked using this system. However, we are looking to provide OEIs with a tool which is available to use based on their assessment of any risk. Each OEI would have their own bespoke landing page and any data relating to that OEI would not be available to another OEI or to the GOsC.
5. Each OEI would have a set of 'voucher codes'. When an individual is asked to have their qualification(s) verified, the OEI would issue them with a voucher code and then the applicant is able to log into the online portal, pay the fee and start the primary source verification of their qualification(s). The OEI would be able to see the results once the primary source verification has been received. A report would also be available for the applicant.
6. There is no financial outlay for the OEI to use this online portal as the cost of the primary source verification rests with the applicant.
7. To provide assurance to the PAC about the robustness of the primary source verification checks, the committee will receive a short presentation from Johan Van Antwerpen, DataFlow Director, Business Development (Europe) who will join the meeting via webinar.

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