

Regional Communications Network meeting

Friday 15 March 2013

Osteopathy House, London

Stakeholders in 'development debate'



British Osteopathic
Association

BOA membership now stands around 3,400, which includes practising osteopaths and some student members.

The mission of the BOA is to represent, support and protect its members and provides an extensive range of support services and products for its members.

Core activity includes:

- Support and guidance for members concerning the myriad of issues faced by osteopathic practitioners
- A mediation service for patient complaints
- Helping members gain access to new healthcare markets and particularly the NHS
- Representing the interests of members to audiences in the UK, Europe and beyond
- Providing a range of insurance and other business services for members

Further information: www.osteopathy.org email: boa@osteopathy.org



Council of Osteopathic Educational Institutions
Promoting Osteopathic Excellence

COEI is a limited company: its Directors are representatives of the providers of osteopathic educational qualifications recognised by the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC). All

GOsC recognised

osteopathic education institutions (OEs) are invited to join COEI.

The current chair is Adrian Barnes, Principal of the European School of Osteopathy.

COEI meets approximately four times per year to discuss issues of common interest to the OEs e.g. undergraduate and postgraduate education and training, the provision of CPD and Research. COEI provides a forum for agreeing and formulating common positions and shared statements.

The Chair of COEI is a member of the NCOR Management Board and represents the OEs on external panels/working groups.

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Statutory regulator responsible for setting and maintaining standards of osteopathic education, practice and conduct in the UK.

The GOsC has a statutory duty to regulate and develop osteopathy in the UK.

Core functions are:

- Assuring the quality of osteopathic education and training
- Registering qualified professionals on an annual basis and ensuring their continuing fitness to practise
- Setting and promoting high standards of osteopathic practice and conduct
- Helping patients with complaints or concerns about osteopaths and, where necessary, dealing with those complaints through fitness to practise procedures

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NCOR is a coalition comprising the key osteopathic stakeholder groups that have an interest in and an influence on the development of osteopathic research and high standards of osteopathic training, scholarship and practice.

The organisation is led by its Director, Dr Dawn Carnes, who is based at Barts and The London, School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Some of the key objectives include:

- Improving understanding and patient care
- Co-ordinating and promoting osteopathic research
- Enhancing clinical and research governance
- Encouraging inter-professional research collaboration
- Encouraging standardised data collection
- Seeking research funding

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The Osteopathic Alliance is a group of independent providers in postgraduate education for osteopaths. The Alliance's mission is to defend and promote the breadth and diversity of osteopathic practice by aiming at the highest standards of postgraduate education in Osteopathy.

The member organisations are:

- Foundation for Paediatric Osteopathy
- Institute of Classical Osteopathy
- Molinari Institute of Health
- Osteopathic Pelvic, Respiratory and Abdominal Association
- Rollin E Becker Institute
- Society of Osteopaths in Animal Practice
- Sutherland Cranial College
- Sutherland Society

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