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# Fitness to Practise Report

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# Introduction

This report of the General Osteopathic Council's (GOsC) Professional Conduct Committee covers the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 and is produced in accordance with the Osteopaths Act 1993, section 22(13) and (14).

Further details of particular decisions made by the Professional Conduct Committee are available from the GOsC Regulation Department. Statistics relating to the Fitness to Practise process are available in the GOsC's annual reports.

## Report

### Substantive Hearings

Name, registration number and date of PCC decision	Source of Complaint	Summary of Allegations Found Proved	Outcome
John Walsh (1840) May 2010	Patient	At one consultation: > failed to obtain valid consent for treatment > failed to make adequate records	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to a Conditions of Practice Order.
Timothy Coysten (1700) May 2010	Patient	At one consultation: > failed to elicit an adequate case history > failed to justify the diagnosis > failed to justify the treatment plan > failed to make adequate records	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to an Admonishment.
Russell Oakes (2471) July 2010	GOsC	Convicted of: > 4 counts of obtaining by deception > 2 counts of doing acts tending and intended to pervert the course of public justice > 1 count of using a false instrument with intent > 1 count of forgery > 34 counts of fraud	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to a Removal.

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Roy Wallis (2233)  September 2010	Patient	At a number of consultations: > failed to elicit an adequate case history > failed to conduct an adequate osteopathic examination > failed to form an osteopathic diagnosis > failed to monitor the patient's response to treatment > failed to make adequate records > provided treatment that was unjustified	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to a Suspension.
Susan Bunce (3507)  September 2010	Patient	At a number of consultations: > failed to make adequate records > failed to carry out an adequate clinical evaluation > failed to adequately modify the treatment > failed to reach an adequate diagnosis > inappropriately repeatedly used high velocity thrust techniques to treat the patient	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to an Admonishment.
Tracy Wilkinson (2550)  October 2010	GOsC	On one occasion dishonestly held herself out as a practising osteopath, despite being registered as non-practising and not having adequate professional indemnity insurance.  Convicted of: > driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol > failing to provide a specimen for analysis on two occasions > dangerous driving > failing to stop a motor vehicle when required to do so	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct and relevant convictions leading to a Suspension.
Jonathan Bell (3416)  November 2010	Patient	On one occasion: > failed to obtain consent prior to lowering the patient's underwear > failed to offer a chaperone prior to carrying out an examination of an intimate area > failed to provide the patient with an appropriate cover	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to an Admonishment.

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James Sneddon (2003)  February 2011	Patient	On more than one occasion, failed to make adequate records.  On one occasion, failed to adequately assess the patient's ankle reflexes.	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to an Admonishment.
Thomas Stafford (1229)  February 2011	Patient	On one occasion, failed to provide the patient with an appropriate cover.	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to an Admonishment.
Keith Grieve (2158)  February 2011	GOsC	Convicted of: > 4 charges of assault with a significant sexual aspect > 3 charges of assault	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to a Removal.
Alexandra Williams (5267)  March 2011	Patient	On one occasion: > failed to elicit a comprehensive and relevant case history > failed to carry out an adequate examination  On two occasions provided manipulative treatment to the cervical spine which was inappropriate and not justified.	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to a Conditions of Practice Order.
Alison Huxtable (2571)  March 2011	Patient	On one occasion: > failed to carry out an adequate examination > provided manipulative treatment which was inappropriate and not justified > failed to postpone treatment until the receipt of results of a CT scan	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to a Conditions of Practice Order.

## Review Hearings

When the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) decides to impose conditions on an osteopath's practice (a Conditions of Practice Order) or suspends an osteopath's registration (a Suspension) the PCC will review that Order at a hearing before it expires. The following case was reviewed by the PCC during the period of this report.

Name, registration number and date of Review Hearing	Summary of Order requiring Review	Outcome of Review Hearing
Roy Wallis (2233)  February 2011	Finding of Unacceptable Professional Conduct leading to a Suspension.  Mr Wallis was required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; undertake successfully an Assessment of Clinical Performance</li> <li>&gt; produce evidence at the Review hearing of a recording system that he planned to put in place, which should properly address the recording failures proved in this case</li> </ul>	The PCC reviewed the PCC decision in February 2011 and extended the Suspension Order to 31 December 2011.