

Common statement

Over the past four months, at six regional conferences, we have had the opportunity to hear the views of over 800 osteopaths on the future of the osteopathic profession.

We are grateful for the positive and productive feedback we have received from the profession, and encouraged by the view expressed widely that there is a need for all the organisations represented to work together to support the development of osteopathic practice and the osteopathic profession.

What we plan to do now is to reflect on your feedback and come together in the autumn to consider what actions need to be taken and over what time period.

We will continue to engage with the profession and seek to ensure the widest input we can from individual osteopaths into this work, while also communicating progress to you.

If you were unable to attend any of the conferences and would like to put forward your own ideas or views – whether on the documents published by the BOA or GOsC or on other relevant matters – please do so either via the BOA, the Council of Osteopathic Education Institutions, the GOsC or the Osteopathic Alliance.

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