

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
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PUBLIC SESSION  
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

<b>Classification</b>	Public
<b>Purpose</b>	To note
<b>Issues</b>	This paper reports on the work undertaken by the Professional Standards department and any matters arising since the last report to the Education Committee dated 14 December 2010.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Committee is asked to note the report.
<b>Financial &amp; Resourcing Implications</b>	None arising directly from this paper.
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity Implications</b>	None arising from this paper.
<b>Communications Implications</b>	None arising from this paper.

**Annexes**

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## Summary

1. This paper reports on the work undertaken by the Professional Standards Department and any matters arising since the last report to the Education Committee dated 14 December 2010.

## Report

### *Department of Health*

2. On 21 December 2010, the Chief Executive, Head of Professional Standards and the Professional Standards Manager attended a meeting (by teleconference) with Debbie Mellor from the Department of Health Workforce Directorate to discuss Higher Education issues. In particular, we discussed the consultation paper, *Liberating the NHS: Developing the Healthcare Workforce*. The Committee is asked to consider this consultation paper elsewhere on the agenda.

### *Other Healthcare Organisations*

3. On 25 January 2011, the Head of Professional Standards attended a Revalidation Inter-regulatory meeting to discuss issues relating to revalidation. The main purpose of the meeting was to keep the other regulatory bodies informed of developments relating to revalidation in each sector and to share relevant ideas / learning that might be of interest to others.
4. On 4 March 2011 the Head of Professional Standards will be attending a meeting with Nick Pahl, Chief Executive of the British Acupuncture Council, to discuss revalidation. The British Acupuncture Council were interested in the development of our revalidation model, the assessment criteria and tools. We also learned about the work of the British Acupuncture Council including educational quality assurance and standard setting for around 9 three year degree courses. It was also interesting to learn that the British Acupuncture Council has more of an emphasis on the Chinese rather than the Western Medical system.

### *Academic Engagement*

5. On 28 January 2011, the Head of Professional Standards gave a presentation on a Professional Doctorate Course organised by Stephen Tyreman, osteopath. The presentation aimed to provide a broad regulatory context for osteopathy and to encourage discussion about 'where next' for osteopathy. The presentation is available on request from Joy Winyard at [jwinyard@osteopathy.org.uk](mailto:jwinyard@osteopathy.org.uk).

### *Osteopathic Practice Standards*

6. On 3 March 2011 the Head of Professional Standards and Professional Standards Manager attended a meeting of the Osteopathic Practice Standards Working Group to discuss the key issues that had come out of the recent consultation. Areas identified included Consent, Modesty, Chaperones and the use of the term 'diagnosis'. A further update is provided elsewhere on the agenda.

### *Meetings with Osteopathic Educational Institutions (OEIs)*

7. In early March 2011, the Chief Executive, accompanied by either the Head of Professional Standards or the Professional Standards Manager, are scheduled to have an introductory meeting with the Principals of the College of Osteopaths, the European School of Osteopathy and Oxford Brookes University. The topics scheduled to be discussed are:-
  - a. OEI engagement with GOSc and links with COEI
  - b. Student fitness to practise
  - c. Osteopathic Practice Standards – GosC progress
  - d. Preliminary QA Review – Annual Report and QAA Handbook
  - e. CPD Review – GosC progress
  - f. Revalidation – GosC progress
  - g. Research – Patient expectations and adverse events.

### *Project updates*

8. All other project updates are provided elsewhere on this agenda.

### **Recommendation**

9. The Education Committee is asked to note the report and raise any questions by email with the Head of Professional Standards: [fbrowne@osteopathy.org.uk](mailto:fbrowne@osteopathy.org.uk).