

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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PREPAREDNESS TO PRACTISE UPDATE**

<u>Classification</u>	Public
<u>Purpose</u>	For noting
<u>Issue</u>	This paper provides an update on the progress of the preparedness to practise research.
<u>Recommendation</u>	To note the progress of the research project.
<u>Financial and resourcing implications</u>	None arising from this report.
<u>Equality and diversity implications</u>	None arising from this report.
<u>Communications implications</u>	None arising from this report.
<u>Annex</u>	Annex A - Interim report from Professor Della Freeth and colleagues.
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Background

1. Corporate Plan Aim 1.3 provides for a review of students' transition into practice as newly qualified osteopaths and determination of whether any further regulatory interventions are necessary to protect patients.
2. Council delegated formal oversight of this project to the Research Strategy Working Group (RSWG) which approved the appointment of Professor Della Freeth and colleagues from Queen Mary University of London to undertake the research.
3. Data collection for the project commenced in March and is due for completion at the end of the 2011.
4. As part of the project Professor Freeth and colleagues were invited to provide an update to the RSWG which took place at its meeting on 12 September 2011. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the OEIs, and newly qualified osteopaths and those working with newly qualified osteopaths.
5. The meeting gave an opportunity for the researchers to obtain feedback on their emerging findings and to seek guidance on the type of data analysis which should be incorporated into the final report.
6. The written interim report from the research team is annexed to this paper.

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