

Education and Registration Standards Committee**14 May 2013****Terms of reference of the Education and Registration Standards Committee**

Classification	Public
Purpose	For noting
Issue	This paper sets out the terms of reference for the new Education and Registration Standards Committee.
Recommendation	To note the terms of reference of the Education and Registration Standards Committee.
Financial and resourcing implications	None
Equality and diversity implications	None
Communications implications	None
Annexes	None
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Education and Registration Standards Committee (ERSC)

Terms of reference

The role of the Education and Registration Standards Committee is to contribute to the development of standards of osteopathic practice and to contribute to ensuring that only those appropriately qualified are able to register with the GOSC. To do this it will:

- a. Advise Council on all matters relating to pre-registration education and training of osteopaths, including the standards of osteopathic practice required for registration.
- b. Advise Council on the recognition of qualifications in accordance with section 14(6) of the Act.
- c. Appoint and manage the performance of visitors to conduct the evaluation of courses under section 12 of the Act.
- d. Advise Council on the standards required for initial registration and appropriate means for assessing those standards.
- e. Advise Council on matters relating to the withdrawal of recognition of a qualification in accordance with sections 16(1) and 18(5) of the Act.
- f. Exercise powers to require information from osteopathic educational institutions in connection with its statutory functions in accordance with section 18 of the Act.
- g. Monitor reports from fitness to practise panels and information from other relevant sources in developing policy on undergraduate education.
- h. Ensure that the views of the fitness to practise committees are incorporated into the work of the Committee where appropriate.
- i. Advise Council on any research needs to support the work of the Committee.
- j. Make an annual report for Council on the work of the Committee.

Meeting Frequency

Three times yearly or more frequently if required. Some business may be appropriately conducted out of committee.

Membership

Ordinary members

- Five members of Council, of whom two shall be osteopaths and three shall be lay members. One of the lay members shall be appointed by Council to be Chair of the Committee
- Four members who are not members of Council.

Co-opted members

The Committee may co-opt up to five members in accordance with Rule 3 of the Statutory Committee Rules.

Quorum

Five, of which:

- at least one must be a lay person and one must be an osteopath
- at least two must be members of Council and two must be members who are not members of Council