

Osteopathic Practice Standards Committee
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Terms of reference of the Osteopathic Practice Committee

Classification	Public
Purpose	For noting
Issue	This paper sets out the terms of reference for the new Osteopathic Practice Committee.
Recommendation	To note the report
Financial and resourcing implications	None
Equality and diversity implications	None
Communications implications	None
Annexes	None
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Terms of reference

The role of the Osteopathic Practice Committee is to contribute to the development of: standards of osteopathic practice; policies aimed at ensuring registrants remain fit to practise; and policies relating to fitness to practise procedures.

To do this it will:

- a. Advise Council on all matters relating to standards of osteopathic practice including, where appropriate, post-graduate education and training, and the requirements for continuing professional development under section 17 of the Act and any other matters relating to the continuing fitness to practise of registrants (including revalidation).
- b. Advise Council on appropriate means for ensuring osteopaths remain fit to practise including the requirements for: annual re-registration; assessment of applications before returning to practise; and revalidation.
- c. Advise Council on any questions of policy relating to the management, investigation and adjudication of concerns about the fitness to practise of registrants.
- d. Take into account the decisions of fitness to practise, information from the PSA and other relevant sources, and external legal or other requirements in developing policy on professional practice.
- e. Ensure that the views of the fitness to practise committees are incorporated into the work of the Committee where appropriate.
- f. Consider and assist in the development and/or revision of documents published on behalf of the fitness to practise committees and of legislation governing fitness to practise procedure.
- g. Advise Council on matters relating to the exercise of powers under section 32 of the Act (protection of title).
- h. Advise Council on measures to encourage research and research dissemination within the osteopathic profession.
- 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.