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Fitness to Practise Report 2013-14

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Introduction

This report of the General Osteopathic Council's (GOsC) Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) covers the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 and is produced in accordance with the Osteopaths Act 1993, section 22(13) and (14).

Issues involving osteopaths' fitness to practise are an integral part of the GOsC's duty to regulate the profession and thereby protect the public and the profession's reputation. The information contained in this report provides a valuable resource to osteopaths on the high standards of conduct and proficiency required to maintain registration as an osteopath.

Report

Substantive Hearings

	Name, Registration Number and Date of PCC Decision	Source of Complaint	Summary of allegations found proved	Outcome
1	Mr Dick Wyatt, 5032, 15 May 2013	Registrar's allegation based on claims made by registrant on his public on-line profile.	That the Registrant claimed to be able to frequently "fix" all types of cancer, Parkinson's disease and Motor Neurone Disease, and that he was able to treat diseases that the NHS could not. Unacceptable Professional Conduct found proved.	Removal of the osteopath's name from the Register of Osteopaths.
2	Mr Nigel Hole, 590, 17 May 2013	Registrar's allegation – as a result of notification from Police.	That the registrant committed an offence of common assault contrary to section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 Unacceptable Professional Conduct found proved.	Admonished.

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3	Mr Mark Piraino, 2787, 16 September 2013	Conviction	Convictions relating to sexual offences.	Removal of the osteopath's name from the Register of Osteopaths.
4	Mr Jason Oshinowo, 4794, 2 October 2014	Patient complaint	<p>Failure to carry out an adequate sensory neurological examination.</p> <p>Failure to make an adequate diagnosis.</p> <p>Provision of inappropriate treatment to patient.</p> <p>Failure to communicate appropriately with patient.</p> <p>Unacceptable Professional Conduct found proved.</p>	Conditions of Practice Order imposed for a period of six months or on successful completion of a test of competence specified by the GOsC, whichever is the later to occur.

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5	<p>Mr Anthony Agius, 6583, 16 December 2013</p> <p>Please note: the General Osteopathic Council had two registrants named Mr Anthony Agius on its Register.</p> <p>This case relates to Mr Anthony Agius, registration number 6583, who practiced at City Healing, Southampton.</p> <p>The Anthony Agius referred to in this report has no connection with Anthony Joseph Agius who practices in Chingford London E4, Highbury London N5, Enfield EN2 and at the Royal London Hospital of Integrated Medicine</p>	Patient complaint	<p>Failure to respect patient dignity and modesty.</p> <p>Failure to offer patient a chaperone.</p> <p>Failure to obtain written consent before examining intimate areas.</p> <p>Failure to carry out adequate examination.</p> <p>Failure to supervise students adequately.</p> <p>Failure to maintain treatment records.</p> <p>Transgression of professional boundaries including by inviting patient to live in his home as part of a residential programme.</p> <p>Making inappropriate comments to patients.</p> <p>Verbally and physically assaulting patient.</p> <p>Unacceptable Professional Conduct found proved.</p>	Removal of the osteopath's name from the Register of Osteopaths.

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6	Mr Paul Kyte, 3700, 4 January 2014	Patient complaint	<p>Failure to provide a chaperone.</p> <p>Requiring a patient to remove underwear for the duration of the treatment.</p> <p>Failure to explain examination and treatment to be carried out.</p> <p>Failure to obtain valid consent from patient.</p> <p>Unacceptable Professional Conduct found proved.</p>	Conditions of Practice Order imposed for a period of 9 months.
7	Mr Ben Quigley, 6222, 27 March 2014 Note: 2 cases considered together at a single hearing.	Patient complaints	<p>Failure to explain to patients, the treatment to be carried out.</p> <p>Failure to obtain valid consent from patients.</p> <p>Remaining in the room while patients undressed and failing to provide them with appropriate cover such as a towel or gown.</p> <p>Failure to offer chaperone to patients.</p> <p>Unacceptable Professional Conduct found proved in both cases</p>	Conditions of Practice Order imposed in both cases for a period of 4 months.

Review Hearings

When the PCC decides to impose conditions on an osteopath's practice (a Conditions of Practice Order) or suspends an osteopath's registration (a Suspension Order), the PCC will review that Order at a hearing before the Order expires. The following cases were reviewed by the PCC during the period of this report.

	Name, Registration Number and Date of Review Hearing	Summary of Order Requiring Review	Outcome of Review Hearing
1	Mr Jason Oshinowo, 4794, 24-26 March 2014	Conditions of Practice Order for a period of six months: (i) to practise under the supervision of an osteopath approved by the GOsC: (ii) to undertake an appropriate programme of training and/or developmental activity approved by the supervisor; (iii) to pass a test of competence specified by the GOsC	Conditions of Practice Order was varied. The Order was continued for a further period of 6 months.