



Osteopathic Practice Committee
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Professional Values

Classification	Public
Purpose	For noting
Issue	Professional values – first steps towards the review of the <i>Osteopathic Practice Standards</i> .
Recommendation	To note the progress of our seminar about professional values in autumn 2014.
Financial and resourcing implications	The cost of the seminar is expected to be in the region of £2,500 (including venue and refreshments) for 40 people and has been incorporated into the Professional Standards budget.
Equality and diversity implications	Equality and diversity matters will be considered as part of the interactive sessions in the values seminar.
Communications implications	We will communicate our work on values to registrants and others through our usual channels including the osteopath and to our key stakeholder groups.
Annexes	A. Background briefing for seminar B. Draft agenda for the seminar
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Background

1. Our Corporate Plan 2013 to 2016 states that we will 'encourage and facilitate continuous improvement in the quality of osteopathic healthcare.'
2. Our Business Plan 2014-15 states that we will scope the review of the *Osteopathic Practice Standards*. We have also stated that we will work in partnership with patients, the Institute of Osteopathy (iO), the Council for Osteopathic Educational Institutions (COEI) and the Osteopathic Alliance (OA) to explore the need for a common statement of osteopathic values to support the review of the next edition of the *Osteopathic Practice Standards*.
3. At its meeting on 25 June 2014, the Committee noted the proposal for the seminar along with a summary of what had led us to this point. A background briefing note is attached at Annex A.
4. This paper reports out progress in working with stakeholders on professional values as a foundation to the scoping of the review of the *Osteopathic Practice Standards*. The Committee are invited to consider the agenda and provide advice and feedback.

Discussion

5. We are progressing well with our seminar. We are delighted that Harry Cayton, Chief Executive of the Professional Standards Authority is chairing the session for us. We have attendees from a broad range of fields including academics, patients and those with an expert interest in the patient narrative, regulators, professional bodies, osteopaths from the Council for Osteopathic Educational Institutions, the Institute of Osteopathy and the Osteopathic Alliance and students. We are hoping for an audience which is 50% lay and 50% osteopathic to help us to explore views with a range of stakeholders with an interest in contextual professional judgements.
6. The draft agenda for the seminar is attached at Annex B.
7. We recognise that the seminar will be the first step in a journey as we explore professional values in the osteopathic context more deeply. We are hoping that we will be able to trace the journey more clearly at the conclusion of the seminar and that we will be able to continue to work closely with Professor Bill Fulford and Professor Stephen Tyreman as we develop our thinking in this area.

Recommendation: to note the proposal for a seminar about professional values in autumn 2014.

General Osteopathic Council Values seminar background briefing

Background

The background to the seminar began in 2011 and 2012 with our preparedness to practise research undertaken by Professor Della Freeth which, amongst other things, showed strong themes of diversity and isolation.

Recent research in conjunction with Sue Roff shows a range of views about the seriousness of lapses in professionalism or breaches of standards suggesting that standards may be applied inconsistently with varying perspectives about 'seriousness' and 'interpretation'.

In November 2013, the GOsC held a seminar about changing professional culture with key note speakers including Stephen Tyreman, Professor of Osteopathy and Philosophy and Hilary Jones, Dean of Health at Staffordshire University. Feedback from the seminar noted that values (either patients or clinicians) are not explored in undergraduate osteopathic education and that there was a need to better understand values as they relate to the interpretation of standards.

These findings and views, taken together with the importance of person centred care, the culture change as recognised in the Francis and the Berwick reviews, along with the independent and sometimes isolated nature of osteopathic practice has led us to the view that further discussion about the explicit values underpinning the interpretation of standards is important as we consider our forthcoming review of the *Osteopathic Practice Standards*.

Attendees

Attendees will include: Professor Bill Fulford (former consultant psychiatrist and expert in values based practice see <http://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/node/378> for a more detailed biography), Professor Stephen Tyreman, Alison White, Chair of the General Osteopathic Council, along with representatives of patients and the public, osteopathic education, other professions, students, osteopathic special interest societies and professional associations.

Date

The seminar will take place on 12 November 2014 from 10am to 4pm in London.

Format

The seminar will include presentations, interactive sessions and discussion groups.

Desired outcome

It is hoped that the seminar will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to better understand and debate the nature of osteopathic values to support commencement of more detailed work ultimately to enhance patient care.

Values, Standards and Osteopathic Care

Wednesday 12 November 2014 from 10:00 to 16:00

Draft Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction - Harry Cayton 10:00 to 10:10

Outcome: Welcome all attendees and to set out objectives for the day.
2. Setting the scene: osteopathy: a context and patient perceptions – Tim Walker and Sarah Eldred 10:15 to 10:45

Outcome: to set the scene for the seminar today. To describe osteopathy, the context within which it is practised, the challenges and benefits from the perspective of a regulator. To share perceptions and perspectives about osteopathic care today. To explain how we got to the seminar today.
3. What are values and how do they come into osteopathic care? – Stephen Tyreman and Bill Fulford 10:45 to 11:35

Outcome: to understand how values come into osteopathic health care. To explore, debate and discuss professional values in osteopathy through case studies, exercises and other formats.
- BREAK 11:35 to 11:50
4. Developing common themes - interactive exercise 11:50 to 13:00

Outcome: all to explore common themes arising from their values identified in session 3.
- LUNCH 13:00 to 13:45
5. Group work 13:45 to 15:00

Outcome: exploring values, through case studies, in the context of

- a. Undergraduate education (including recruitment)
- b. Standards and care
- c. Continuing fitness to practise
- d. Decision making

6. BREAK 15:00 to 15:15

7. Feedback session 15:15 to 16:15

Outcome: exploring common themes – understanding what values need to be made explicit as part of our standards structure?

8. Next steps 15:45 to 16:00

Outcome: all to consider next steps and how to continue the conversation?