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Getting ready for the new CPD scheme

What do I have to do? When do I have to do it? What's it all about? Osteopaths have many questions about the new CPD scheme, and the GOsC's new [CPD website](#) is here to help.

The website aims to be a 'one-stop shop' CPD resource for osteopaths, keeping you informed as we introduce the new scheme's approach to CPD before it becomes compulsory in 2018.

Besides updates and learning resources around all elements of the new scheme, it is a community for osteopaths to connect about all things CPD – you can contribute blogs, signpost useful information, and share details of your professional communities and meetings, for example.

We want the website to work for you, so do explore what it has to offer and give us your feedback. We look forward to hearing from you.



Advertising standards: does your website comply?



If you have not yet acted on new [guidance on osteopaths' marketing claims](#), published in December by the Advertising Standards Authority, you need to do so now.

Working with the profession, the ASA has developed the new guidance in response to requests from osteopaths for advice and clarification. The guidance focuses on claims relating to the treatment of pregnant women, babies and children, and contains examples of advertising claims that are likely and unlikely to be acceptable; every osteopath now has a responsibility to ensure that their advertising complies.

The full range of UK advertising guidance relevant to osteopaths is summarised on the ASA's [AdviceOnline website](#).

Developing osteopathy's future leaders



If you want to develop your leadership skills and apply them in clinical practice, a professional group, education or research, the **2017 Osteopathic Leadership Programme** is designed for you.

Run jointly by the [Osteopathic Development Group](#) (ODG) and the Open University, it involves an e-learning leadership course plus a work-based group activity and two workshops, in June and October. Feedback from previous participants has been very positive.

The cost of the programme is £295, but you will be entitled to a GOsC bursary of £150 upon completion.

You can find more information about the programme and an application form on the ODG's [Leadership webpage](#). Applications must be received by **Sunday 30 April**.

Dealing with complaints: have your say

Being the subject of a fitness to practise investigation can be a very stressful experience, and we want to do what we can to make any osteopath in this situation fully aware of what will happen and what they should do.

We have now developed two guidance documents to support osteopaths who are under investigation: one explains our fitness to practise procedures generally, while the other advises on preparing for and attending a hearing if the investigation reaches that stage.

To ensure it is as clear and helpful as possible, we are now consulting on the draft guidance. Both documents and a consultation response form are available on our [public website](#), with a deadline for responses of **Friday 10 March**.

GOsC Council meeting

The first Council meeting of 2017 is on **Wednesday 1 February**. Topics for discussion include the GOsC's draft Business Plan and Budget for 2017-18, a new policy on voluntary removal from the Register, and progress on introducing the new CPD scheme.

You can read the full agenda and papers for the meeting on our [public website](#).

Is your CPD due?

If you renew your registration in **April**, you must submit your CPD annual summary form to us by **Tuesday 28 February**.

It's quick and easy to do this online via the [My CPD](#) section of the **o** zone.

To check when your CPD is due, see page 12 of the [CPD guidelines](#).

