

Revalidation round-up

The monthly e-bulletin for osteopaths participating in the pilot

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CPD Discussion Document

Revalidation and continuing professional development (CPD) are closely related. Is the current CPD scheme fit for purpose? Should there be changes to the CPD cycle and the required hours?

The [CPD Discussion Document](#) considers the purpose and aims of the current scheme, its effectiveness and possible options for change. If you have a view on how to take the scheme forward, please take a look at the [discussion document](#) and [response form](#) available on our website.

For further information on the document, contact the Professional Standards Department on 020 7357 6655 ext 235 or email: cpd@osteopathy.org.uk.

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Questions for Caitrian



Caitrian Guthrie, Assessment Expert, is on hand to answer your questions.

To begin with, I'd just like to say very well done to all those osteopaths who managed to produce their first piece of evidence in January and have now completed their initial online evaluation. The period leading up to the evaluation was, unsurprisingly, quite a busy one for those of us involved in providing support and advice, with quite a number of osteopaths emailing and telephoning to make sure they were doing what was expected of them. Having been through the process once, producing the second piece of evidence will, hopefully, be an easier exercise.

From my chats with various osteopaths in the lead-up to the first evaluation, some interesting points have begun to emerge as individuals start to think beyond their first piece of evidence to what they might produce during the remainder of the pilot. Quite a number of osteopaths who chose to focus on a specific case study have now discovered that they can develop their work around this case scenario by using a variety of templates to explore different aspects of the same case and to provide evidence relating to different revalidation themes. [Read more ...](#)

Data collection survey – what you told us

A big thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the first KPMG data collection survey in January. Three-hundred and thirty-two osteopaths submitted their responses online and a further

opportunity to share your experiences with other participants and to find out how others are getting on.

To access [Moodle](#), you will need to enter your GOsC registration number in the 'username' field. You will also need to enter your password, which you were sent in September. If you have forgotten your password, please contact the Professional Standards team on 020 7357 6655 ext 235 or email revalidation@osteopathy.org.uk.

Revalidation Pilot Participation Manual

The Manual contains guidelines and templates to help you generate your four pieces of evidence for the purposes of the pilot. Completed examples are also included so you can see how each template might look when finished.

The Manual is available to view [here](#).

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42 osteopaths submitted hard copy responses. This represents a 79% response rate.

Here are a few initial findings – please be aware that these statements are drawn from the wealth of data that you submitted. Views may change throughout the pilot.

Almost **40% of osteopaths** responding said that they thought **the pilot had improved their quality of care** (although there is no evidence to corroborate this).

Around 35% of respondents were neutral on this issue.

Around **45% of respondents** said that **the training sessions** provided by the GOsC were **exactly the preparation they needed**.

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Nearly **75% of respondents** said that **the GOsC provided them with all the support they needed** as part of the recruitment process.

Around 15% of respondents were neutral on this issue.

Approximately **80% of respondents** said that they had **used at least one of the tools** in the last 3 months.

The next data collection window is **16 to 27 April 2012**. You will receive an email with a link to the survey at the beginning of April (and hard copy if you have requested this).

The April survey is available to view now in the 'Evaluation' section on [Moodle](#). Fiona Browne, Head of Professional Standards, has also posted a learning log in this section to help you to record relevant information as you go along.

What are other participants up to?



A common question from pilot participants seems to be 'how are others getting on with the pilot and what they are doing to collect their evidence'? We've heard from a number of you about how you're finding it and are keen to share your thoughts and experiences with others through this e-bulletin. If you have already used one of the templates in the *Revalidation Pilot Participation Manual* or have collected your evidence using a different method, do get in touch and [tell us about it](#). Whether you have a positive or negative experience, we're keen to share this with your colleagues.

Celia Frank (Hampshire) told us how she got on with generating her first piece of evidence: 'I've just completed a clinical reflection exercise, which was quite straightforward, was interesting to do and highlighted one or two areas to improve things. So quite a positive reaction. One down, three to go!'

Emmanuel Gadoud (West Yorkshire) told us that 'once you understand what the pilot is about (that took me a while) I don't think it's too demanding. I chose what seemed to be the easiest option for the first piece of evidence – a case presentation of a patient I found to be representative of the people I see. I had to work on this for a few evenings over several weeks due to other commitments, which didn't seem like it took too much of my time. I have now started a clinical audit, which requires more planning and time to implement.

'So far, I am learning through the process as it gives me the opportunity to reflect on how I practice, using tools I didn't have before. I find the pilot useful in this respect and I feel that it helps to

enhance some aspects of the patient care I provide. Unfortunately, I haven't had time to link with other people in the pilot, but I feel that meeting with others would be a positive and useful way to make the most of what the pilot has to offer.'

Claire Piper (Kent) has also been in touch and kindly agreed to share with other participants the patient questionnaire she developed for the pilot. Claire has taken into account the Revalidation Criteria (see pages 8 to 11 of the [Manual](#)) and information from the [patient expectations study](#) to develop a survey to suit her own practice. Claire's survey is available to view on [Moodle](#).

Good luck Celia, Emmanuel and Claire, we look forward to hearing how you get on with your next pieces of evidence.

If you would like to share your experiences with other participants, please email us at revalidation@osteopathy.org.uk or call 020 7357 6655 ext 235.

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