

Revalidation round-up

The monthly e-bulletin for osteopaths participating in the pilot

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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](#).

Revalidation assessors wanted

We are currently recruiting around 40 assessors to evaluate the evidence submitted by pilot participants in October 2012. These assessors will be osteopaths with experience of assessing against criteria. It's also important that some of these assessors are pilot participants so that they understand the demands of the process.

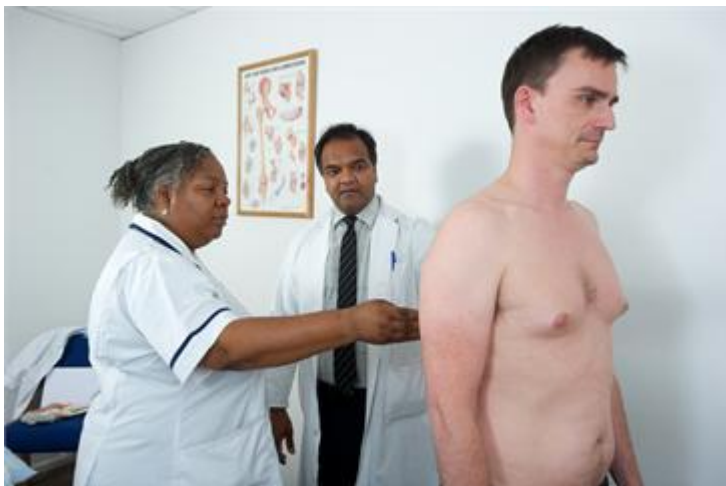
Making the most of Moodle

Have you accessed Moodle yet – the online learning environment developed specifically for osteopaths taking part in the pilot?

Moodle acts also as an online community for those involved in the pilot and is similar to other social networking sites. You can use Moodle to chat to your fellow pilot participants by contacting them directly or by posting your questions/viewpoints in the various forums.

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What are other participants up to?



A common query from pilot participants seems to be 'how are others getting on with the pilot and what are they doing to collect their evidence?' A good number of you have been in touch to tell us how it's going, and are keen to share thoughts and experiences with other osteopaths. 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 so that we can share your views through this newsletter. Whether you

If you're interested in becoming an assessor, please visit our [website](#) for an information pack or call 020 7357 6655 ext 235. The deadline for applications is **15 December 2011**.

Clinical audit handbook

The National Council for Osteopathic Research (NCOR) has developed *An Introduction to Clinical Audit for Practising Osteopaths* to help you through the process of auditing key aspects of your practice - for example, the legibility and completeness of patient notes, clinical hygiene standards and appointment management.

Download the handbook [here](#).

CPD Discussion Document

Is the current continuing professional development (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

have a positive or negative experience, share this with your colleagues.

Claire Wall (Worcestershire) has told us that the pilot is going well, and that "once you get on top of reading through the huge folder of information and stop panicking, it is fairly straightforward. I am finding it really useful to stand back and re-evaluate my practice."

Alfie Birch (Essex) told us what he was doing to generate his first piece of evidence: "I have started to implement the Oswestry questionnaire to monitor patient outcomes and the Mercer questionnaire as objective feedback. This will be entered as part of the safety and quality in practice and professionalism themes of revalidation."

Good luck, Claire and Alfie, we look forward to hearing how you get on.

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.

Questions for Caitrian



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

Quite a few people have been asking me this month about patient feedback and how to present this. Patient feedback is a complex but fascinating area and further helpful guidance is available from a multitude of sources – take the time to look at the [Picker Institute](#), for example.

Remember, for the purposes of the pilot, your analysis doesn't need

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to be sophisticated. We simply want to understand what benefit there is in obtaining feedback from patients by exploring how their views confirm or enhance the quality of practice.

When presenting your patient feedback, you may want to use the [template](#) available on Moodle to bring out some of the key themes. I have also put together a [completed example](#) for you to consider.

7 weeks to go ...

KPMG will soon be in touch to collect feedback on your experience of gathering your first piece of evidence – what you did, how long it took, whether it was useful and whether you learned anything.

To help you with this, we have prepared a simple [learning log](#) for you to record your time and thoughts during the first quarter. This is available to download via Moodle and outlines what you will be required to submit to KPMG as part of the feedback survey. The first survey window runs from **9 to 20 January 2012**, so please do start thinking about what you would like to feed back to KPMG – there are just seven weeks until the deadline.

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