

Appendix 3: Survey Questionnaire

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Osteopathic Regulation Survey

We invite you to participate in research, led by Professor Gerry McGivern from the University of Warwick, exploring osteopaths' perceptions and experiences of osteopathic regulation and professionalism. The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) has commissioned the research. The aim of the project is to understand the effects of regulation on osteopathic practice and professionalism and inform the GOsC about how to improve osteopathic regulation, practice and professionalism to support enhanced quality of care and patient safety. We have designed a survey for all osteopaths on the GOsC register to complete. Your input to the survey is important and we would be grateful if you would complete the survey, which should take about 15 minutes. All responses will be completely confidential and securely stored on the University of Warwick IT system. The GOsC will not have access to raw data, which will only be seen by members of the research team. Results will be reported anonymously, so that no individual can be identified from their response, in a report to the GOsC towards the end of 2014, which will then be made publicly available. The academic team also plan to subsequently produce and publish academic articles using these data.

For most survey questions all you need to do is read the statement, decide how much you agree or disagree with it, and then tick the box that shows how much you agree. For example, if you believe that osteopaths should be regulated by law, but not particularly strongly, you would tick the 'Agree' box, as shown below:

Osteopaths should be regulated by law

- Strongly disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

QB If you strongly object to osteopaths being regulated by law, you would tick the 'Strongly disagree' box. If you are unsure, you would tick the 'Neither agree nor disagree' box. It is best not to think too long about the questions and simply to tick the box that reflects your initial reaction to each statement. The survey will be open for completion until Sunday 7th September 2014, but please complete it as soon as possible, and indeed encourage your osteopathic colleagues to do so! If you have any questions about the survey or the research

project, please contact Prof Gerry McGivern by email: gerry.mcgivern@wbs.ac.uk. We thank you in advance for your help with this research.

QIB1 Please read the following statements about your professional identity and then tick the box showing the extent to which you agree with each statement.

Q1 I believe osteopathy is a unique health care profession

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q2 I believe osteopathic practice is distinctive from other manual therapies (such as physiotherapy and chiropractic)

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q3 I see myself as an osteopath first, and then as a health care professional

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q4 Medical professionals (e.g. GPs, hospital consultants) I come into contact with take osteopathy seriously

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q5 Overall, I believe the quality of patient care provided by osteopaths in the UK is improving

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q1B2 Please read the statements below regarding research and evidence in osteopathy and then tick the box showing the extent to which you agree with each statement. Evidence-based (or evidence-informed) practice can be described as the integration of an individual practitioner's clinical expertise with patients' preferences and the best available external clinical evidence from research.

Q6 Evidence-based practice is a welcome development in osteopathy

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q7 Research findings are useful in my day-to-day management of patients

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q8 I have the skills to critically appraise research relevant to osteopathy

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q9 Practising evidence-based osteopathy improves patient care

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q10 Evidence-based practice is of limited value in osteopathic practice because osteopathy lacks a robust scientific base

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q11 Every osteopath has a duty to keep up-to-date with research and evidence about osteopathic practice

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q12 An emphasis on evidence-based practice will undermine important aspects of osteopathic practice

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

QIB3 Please read the statements below regarding regulation and the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) and then tick the box showing the extent to which you agree with each statement.

Q13 Osteopaths should be regulated by law

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q14 Regulation has had a positive effect on how I practise as an osteopath

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q15 I am confident that osteopaths are well regulated by the GOsC

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q16 The GOsC communicates well with osteopaths

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q17 The GOsC consults well with osteopaths

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q18 The GOsC are improving the status of the osteopathic profession

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q19 The GOsC registration fees are reasonable

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q20 I consider that maintaining my GOsC registration is a 'tick box exercise'

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q21 Maintaining my GOsC registration helps me to reflect on my practice

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q22 I fully understand the GOsC process for handling complaints made against osteopaths by patients and the public

- Strongly Dsagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q23 I am confident that the GOsC's disciplinary procedures produce fair outcomes

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q24 Unprofessional or incompetent osteopaths are able to maintain their GOsC registration by falsely presenting themselves as competent or professional

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q25 The quality of patient care I provide is diminished because I practise defensively as a consequence of osteopathic regulation

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q26 Regulation is too focused on rare cases of serious malpractice rather than the day-to-day practices of most health professionals

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q27 My perceptions of the GOsC are primarily based on:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
What I hear about regulation in the news (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
What I hear from professional colleagues (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My fear about what the GOsC could do to me or my osteopathic practice (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My experience of the GOsC (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The GOsC's communications (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q27.OT Other (please state)

QIB4 Please read the statements below regarding the Osteopathic Practice Standards (OPS) and then tick the box showing the extent to which you agree with each statement.

Q28 I am familiar with the current OPS

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q29 I believe the OPS reflect what it means to be a good osteopath

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q30 The OPS reflect an overly medical view of osteopathy

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q31 The OPS should put greater emphasis on clinical effectiveness rather than clinical safety

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q32 I have changed what I do as an osteopath as a consequence of the introduction of the new OPS in September 2012

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q33 I always think about the OPS whenever I am treating patients

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q34 What I do as an osteopath always fully complies with all the OPS

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q35 I have a clear sense of whether I am complying with the OPS while practising as an osteopath

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q36 I find it difficult to demonstrate that what I do as an osteopath complies with the OPS

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q37 Complying with the OPS restricts my ability to provide care that I believe would benefit patients

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q38 The OPS reflect an overly legalised view of osteopathy

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q39 I comply with the OPS because they reflect what it means to be a good osteopath

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q40 I comply with the OPS to avoid getting into trouble with the GOsC

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q41 I comply with the OPS to protect myself against being sued by a patient

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q42a I have worried that things I have done as an osteopath may not comply with the OPS

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

If Strongly Disagree Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Block
If Disagree Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Block
If Neither Agree nor Disagree Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Block

Q42b I have worried that things I have done as an osteopath may not comply with the OPS within the past 12 months

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q42c What aspects were you worried about?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
My behaviour (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My clinical competence (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My health (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q42c.OT Other (please state)

Q42d What action did you take?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
I reflected on the issue by myself (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I spoke with another osteopath or health care professional about the issue (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I contacted the GOsC for advice about the issue (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I contacted the Institute of Osteopathy (formerly the British Osteopathic Association) for advice about the issue (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I read the OPS relevant to the issue (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I read up about the issue (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I did not take any action (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q42d.OT Other (please state)

QIB5 Please read the statements below regarding raising concerns about another osteopath and then tick the box showing the extent to which you agree with each statement.

Q43 I am clear about when to report another osteopath to the GOsC

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q44 I am clear about how to report another osteopath to the GOsC

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q45 I would always report another osteopath to the GOsC for serious malpractice (e.g. where patients were at risk of serious harm)

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q46 Unless it is serious, it is better to deal with concerns about another osteopath informally, rather than go through a formal regulatory process

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q47 I feel confident about challenging another osteopath if I am concerned about their ability to do their job

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q48a I have had concerns about another osteopath's ability to do their job

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

If Strongly Disagree Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Block
If Disagree Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Block
If Neither Agree nor Disagree Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Block

Q48b I have had concerns about another osteopath's ability to do their job within the last 12 months

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q48c What aspects were you concerned about?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
Their behaviour (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Their clinical competence (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Their health (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q48c.OT Other (please state)

Q49a Have you ever considered reporting another osteopath for actions you thought were wrong or unethical?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

If No Is Selected, Then Skip To If you did NOT report the osteopath i...

Q49b Have you considered reporting another osteopath within the past 12 months?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q49c If so, what action did you take? [Tick any number]

	Yes (1)
Reported the osteopath to the GOsC (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reported the osteopath to the Institute of Osteopathy (formerly the British Osteopathic Association) (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reported the osteopath to their employer or practice (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spoke to the osteopath in question (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussed the osteopath with another osteopath or health care professional (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gave advice to a patient affected by the osteopath (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decided the concern was not serious or credible enough for further action to be taken (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did not take any action (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Reported the osteopath to t... Is Selected, Then Skip To End of BlockIf Reported the osteopath to t... Is Selected, Then Skip To End of BlockIf Reported the osteopath to t... Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Block

Q49d If you did NOT report the osteopath in question, what were the reasons for this?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
The issue was resolved (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My concern would have been impossible to prove (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feared retribution (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I did not want to cause trouble (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would not have been listened to (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No one would support me (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt I would be hurting a colleague (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I could not "tell tales" (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was not sure if my concern was right (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was isolated in my suspicions (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I had no one to talk to about it (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was advised	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>against reporting the osteopath by peers (12)</p> <p>Reporting the osteopath might have had financial costs for me (13)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Q49d.OT Other (please state)

QIB6.1 The GOsC is informally consulting with osteopaths about introducing 'peer review' (with formal consultation starting towards the end of the year) as part of a new process to provide assurance that osteopaths continue to be fit to practise. Please read the statements below regarding peer review and then tick the box showing the extent to which you agree with each statement. By 'peer reviewer' we mean an osteopath who reviews your practice.

Q50.1 Peer review would have a positive effect on how I practise as an osteopath, as part of a GOsC process to provide assurance of continuing fitness to practise

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q50.2 Peer review, involving informal discussion of my practice with another osteopath, would have a positive effect on how I practise as an osteopath

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q50.3 Peer review would have a positive effect on how I practise as an osteopath if it was conducted in formal discussion with an osteopath accredited as a peer reviewer by:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. The Institute of Osteopathy (Formerly the British Osteopathic Association) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. An established 'advanced practice group' representing particular areas of practice, patients, or approaches (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. An Osteopathic Education Institution (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q50.4X Peer review would have a positive effect on how I practise as an osteopath if peer review was conducted in formal discussion with an accredited peer reviewer:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. Appointed by the GOsC (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Chosen by me (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q50.5 Peer review would have a positive effect on how I practise as an osteopath if it involved:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. Formal observation of my practice by an accredited peer reviewer (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Informal observation of my practice by another osteopath (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Formal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group accredited for the purposes of peer review (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Informal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q51.1 I would be able to bring up problems and tough issues during a peer review, as part of a GOSc process to provide assurance of continuing fitness to practise

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q51.2 I would be able to bring up problems and tough issues during a peer review involving informal discussion of my practice with another osteopath

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q51.3 I would be able to bring up problems and tough issues during a peer review conducted in formal discussion with an osteopath accredited as a peer reviewer by:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. The Institute of Osteopathy (Formerly the British Osteopathic Association) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. An established 'advanced practice group' representing particular areas of practice, patients, or approaches (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. An Osteopathic Education Institution (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q51.4 I would be able to bring up problems and tough issues during a peer review conducted in formal discussion with an accredited peer reviewer:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. Appointed by the GOsC (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Chosen by me (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q51.5 I would be able to bring up problems and tough issues during a peer review if it involved:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. Formal observation of my practice by an accredited peer reviewer (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Informal observation of my practice by another osteopath (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Formal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group accredited for the purposes of peer review (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Informal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q52.1 Peer review would produce fair outcomes, as part of a GOsC process to provide assurance of continuing fitness to practice

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q52.2 Peer review, involving informal discussion with another osteopath, would produce fair outcomes

- Strongly Disagree (1)
- Disagree (2)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
- Agree (4)
- Strongly Agree (5)

Q52.3 Peer review would produce fair outcomes if it was conducted in formal discussion with an osteopath accredited as a peer reviewer by:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. The Institute of Osteopathy (Formerly the British Osteopathic Association) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. An established 'advanced practice group' representing particular areas of practice, patients, or approaches (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. An Osteopathic Education Institution (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q52.4 Peer review would produce fair outcomes if it was conducted in formal discussion with an accredited peer reviewer:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. Appointed by the GOsC (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Chosen by me (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q52.5 Peer review would produce fair outcomes if it involved:

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
1. Formal observation of my practice by an accredited peer reviewer (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Informal observation of my practice by another osteopath (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Formal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group accredited for the purposes of peer review (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Informal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q53 If there are any further comments you would like to make about any of the issues covered in the survey please add them here:

QIB8 Finally, please provide the following information about yourself. Please again note that this information will be securely stored by the University of Warwick and solely used to help the research team analyse trends and issues across survey responses. The GOsC will not have access to this information and you will not be personally identified from it, at any point.

Q54 What age are you?

Q55 What is your gender?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Prefer not to say (3)

Q56 Which of the following categories best described your ethnicity?

- Bangladeshi (1)
- Chinese (2)
- Indian (3)
- Pakistani (4)
- Other Asian background (5)
- African (6)
- Caribbean (7)
- Other Black background (8)
- White & Black Caribbean (9)
- White & African (10)
- White & Asian (11)
- Other mixed background (12)
- White British (13)
- White Irish (14)
- Other White background (18)
- Arab (16)
- Other ethnic group (17)
- Prefer not to say (21)

Q57 Which of the following categories best describes your sexuality?

- Heterosexual (1)
- Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual (2)
- Prefer not to say / Other (3)

Q58 How many years have you been qualified as an osteopath?

Q59 Are you registered as disabled?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Prefer not to say (3)

Q60 Which Osteopathic Education Institution did you graduate from? (Tick all that apply)

	Yes (1)
British College of Osteopathic Medicine (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
British School of Osteopathy (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
The College of Osteopaths (validated by Middlesex) (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
The College of Osteopaths (validated by Staffordshire) (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
The European School of Osteopathy (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leeds Metropolitan University (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
London College of Osteopathic Medicine (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>
London School of Osteopathy (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oxford Brookes University (9)	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Surrey Institute of Osteopathic Medicine (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swansea University (11)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q60.OT Other (please state)

Q61 What qualifications do you have? (Tick all that apply)

	Yes (1)
DO (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOst (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
MOst (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
BSc (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
MSc (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
PhD (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q61.OT Other (please state)

Q62 In which region do you practise as an osteopath? (Tick all that apply)

	Yes (1)
North West (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
North East (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scotland (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Anglia (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midlands (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
London (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
South East (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>
South West (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wales (9)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Northern Ireland (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q62.OT Other (please state)

Q63 Please indicate which statement most accurately describes the setting where you see the majority of your patients:

- Working alone (1)
- Working in a setting where other osteopaths also work (2)

Q64 Do you work full-time or part-time?

- Full-time (1)
- Part-time (2)

Q65 In which of the following do you practice? (Tick all that apply)

	Yes (1)
Independent or private practice (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
NHS or public sector (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education sector (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research sector (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q65.OT Other (please state)

Q66 Have you ever had a complaint made against you to the GOsC?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Prefer not to say (3)

Q67 Have you ever had a legal claim relating to your practice as an osteopath made against you?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Prefer not to say (3)

Q68 Have you ever had a complaint made about you as an osteopath to you or your practice, which did not go to the GOsC?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Prefer not to say (3)

Q69 Many thanks for taking the time to complete this survey. The aim of this independent research is to inform the GOsC about how to improve osteopathic regulation and professionalism in practice. The results of the survey will be reported back to the GOsC towards the end of 2014 and then made publicly available.