





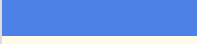
## Appendix 4: Survey Results

### Report to the General Osteopathic Council February 2015





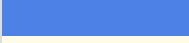
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## Appendix 4: Survey results




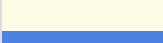
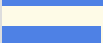
### 2. I believe osteopathy is a unique health care profession

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		11	1%
2	Disagree		55	7%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		66	8%
4	Agree		334	42%
5	Strongly Agree		337	42%
	Total		803	100%



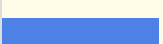
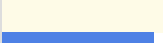

### 3. I believe osteopathic practice is distinctive from other manual therapies (such as physiotherapy and chiropractic)

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		11	1%
2	Disagree		49	6%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		80	10%
4	Agree		345	43%
5	Strongly Agree		318	40%
	Total		803	100%




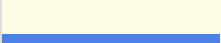

#### 4. I see myself as an osteopath first, and then as a health care professional

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		32	4%
2	Disagree		141	18%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		191	24%
4	Agree		272	34%
5	Strongly Agree		167	21%
	Total		803	100%




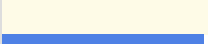

#### 5. Medical professionals (e.g. GPs, hospital consultants) I come into contact with take osteopathy seriously

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		47	6%
2	Disagree		217	27%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		265	33%
4	Agree		257	32%
5	Strongly Agree		17	2%
	Total		803	100%




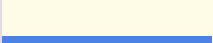

#### 6. Overall, I believe the quality of patient care provided by osteopaths in the UK is improving

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		15	2%
2	Disagree		76	9%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		274	34%
4	Agree		367	46%
5	Strongly Agree		71	9%
	Total		803	100%




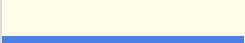

### 7. Evidence-based practice is a welcome development in osteopathy

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		40	5%
2	Disagree		101	13%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		200	25%
4	Agree		341	42%
5	Strongly Agree		121	15%
	Total		803	100%






### 8. Research findings are useful in my day-to-day management of patients

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		28	3%
2	Disagree		132	16%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		206	26%
4	Agree		353	44%
5	Strongly Agree		84	10%
	Total		803	100%


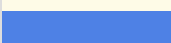
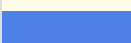
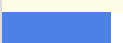

### 9. I have the skills to critically appraise research relevant to osteopathy

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		7	1%
2	Disagree		72	9%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		188	23%
4	Agree		407	51%
5	Strongly Agree		129	16%
	Total		803	100%




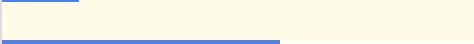
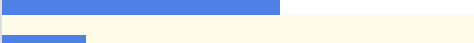
**10. Practising evidence-based osteopathy improves patient care**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		48	6%
2	Disagree		170	21%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		277	34%
4	Agree		255	32%
5	Strongly Agree		53	7%
	Total		803	100%


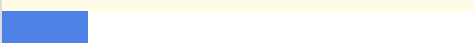

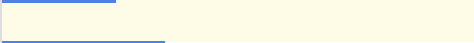

**11. Evidence-based practice is of limited value in osteopathic practice because osteopathy lacks a robust scientific base**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		77	10%
2	Disagree		287	36%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		218	27%
4	Agree		184	23%
5	Strongly Agree		37	5%
	Total		803	100%





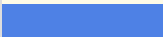
**12. Every osteopath has a duty to keep up-to-date with research and evidence about osteopathic practice**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		8	1%
2	Disagree		53	7%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		131	16%
4	Agree		468	58%
5	Strongly Agree		143	18%
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




**13. An emphasis on evidence-based practice will undermine important aspects of osteopathic practice**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		40	5%
2	Disagree		146	18%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		192	24%
4	Agree		274	34%
5	Strongly Agree		151	19%
	Total		803	100%






**14. Osteopaths should be regulated by law**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		12	1%
2	Disagree		39	5%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		86	11%
4	Agree		384	48%
5	Strongly Agree		282	35%
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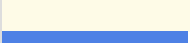

**15. Regulation has had a positive effect on how I practise as an osteopath**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		60	7%
2	Disagree		173	22%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		247	31%
4	Agree		247	31%
5	Strongly Agree		76	9%
	Total		803	100%




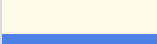

**16. I am confident that osteopaths are well regulated by the GOsC**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		61	8%
2	Disagree		135	17%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		253	32%
4	Agree		300	37%
5	Strongly Agree		54	7%
	Total		803	100%



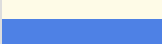


**17. The GOsC communicates well with osteopaths**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		60	7%
2	Disagree		151	19%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		245	31%
4	Agree		313	39%
5	Strongly Agree		34	4%
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**18. The GOsC consults well with osteopaths**






#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		53	7%
2	Disagree		173	22%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		288	36%
4	Agree		261	33%
5	Strongly Agree		28	3%
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**19. The GOsC are improving the status of the osteopathic profession**






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1	Strongly Dsagree		122	15%
2	Disagree		208	26%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		270	34%
4	Agree		177	22%
5	Strongly Agree		26	3%
	Total		803	100%








**20. The GOsC registration fees are reasonable**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		162	20%
2	Disagree		275	34%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		166	21%
4	Agree		188	23%
5	Strongly Agree		12	1%
	Total		803	100%




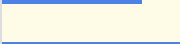

**21. I consider that maintaining my GOsC registration is a 'tick box exercise'**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		22	3%
2	Disagree		212	26%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		223	28%
4	Agree		269	33%
5	Strongly Agree		77	10%
	Total		803	100%



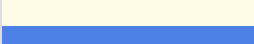
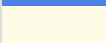

**22. Maintaining my GOsC registration helps me to reflect on my practice**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		86	11%
2	Disagree		222	28%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		201	25%
4	Agree		270	34%
5	Strongly Agree		24	3%
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

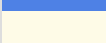

**23. I fully understand the GOsC process for handling complaints made against osteopaths by patients and the public**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		45	6%
2	Disagree		176	22%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		236	29%
4	Agree		305	38%
5	Strongly Agree		41	5%
	Total		803	100%






**24. I am confident that the GOsC's disciplinary procedures produce fair outcomes**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		55	7%
2	Disagree		136	17%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		425	53%
4	Agree		177	22%
5	Strongly Agree		10	1%
	Total		803	100%






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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Dsagree		21	3%
2	Disagree		147	18%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		441	55%
4	Agree		169	21%
5	Strongly Agree		25	3%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		67	8%
2	Disagree		299	37%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		223	28%
4	Agree		167	21%
5	Strongly Agree		47	6%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		13	2%
2	Disagree		111	14%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		275	34%
4	Agree		288	36%
5	Strongly Agree		116	14%
	Total		803	100%

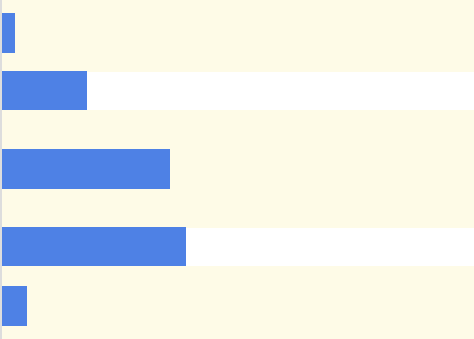
### 28. My perceptions of the GOsC are primarily based on:

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	What I hear about regulation in the news	154	284	196	164	5	803	2.48
2	What I hear from professional colleagues	25	101	139	479	59	803	3.56
3	My fear about what the GOsC could do to me or my osteopathic practice	60	191	179	292	81	803	3.18
4	My experience of the GOsC	15	56	214	404	114	803	3.68
5	The GOsC's communications	5	33	176	501	88	803	3.79

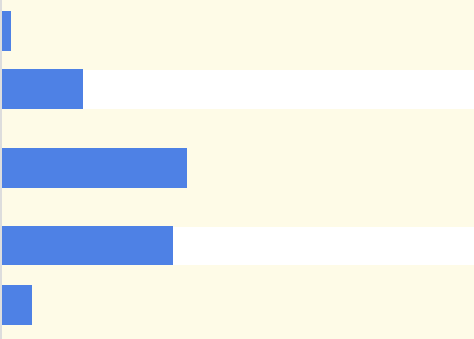
### 30. I am familiar with the current OPS

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree	4	0%
2	Disagree	55	7%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	138	17%
4	Agree	481	60%
5	Strongly Agree	125	16%
	Total	803	100%

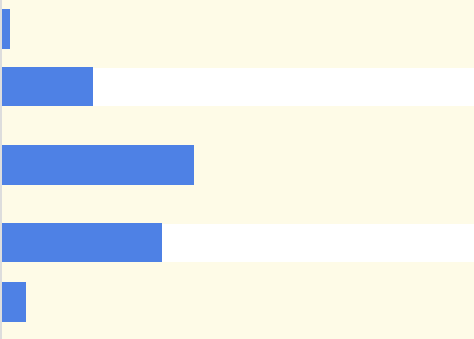
**31. I believe the OPS reflect what it means to be a good osteopath**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		23	3%
2	Disagree		144	18%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		283	35%
4	Agree		310	39%
5	Strongly Agree		43	5%
	Total		803	100%






**32. The OPS reflect an overly medical view of osteopathy**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		16	2%
2	Disagree		136	17%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		312	39%
4	Agree		288	36%
5	Strongly Agree		51	6%
	Total		803	100%


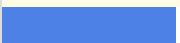



**33. The OPS should put greater emphasis on clinical effectiveness rather than clinical safety**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		14	2%
2	Disagree		154	19%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		325	40%
4	Agree		269	33%
5	Strongly Agree		41	5%
	Total		803	100%




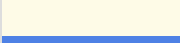

**34. I have changed what I do as an osteopath as a consequence of the introduction of the new OPS in September 2012**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		81	10%
2	Disagree		305	38%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		248	31%
4	Agree		152	19%
5	Strongly Agree		17	2%
	Total		803	100%






**35. I always think about the OPS whenever I am treating patients**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		98	12%
2	Disagree		293	36%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		232	29%
4	Agree		167	21%
5	Strongly Agree		13	2%
	Total		803	100%


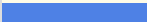
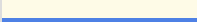


**36. What I do as an osteopath always fully complies with all the OPS**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		14	2%
2	Disagree		133	17%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		298	37%
4	Agree		310	39%
5	Strongly Agree		48	6%
	Total		803	100%




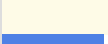

**37. I have a clear sense of whether I am complying with the OPS while practising as an osteopath**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		12	1%
2	Disagree		138	17%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		257	32%
4	Agree		356	44%
5	Strongly Agree		40	5%
	Total		803	100%




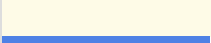

**38. I find it difficult to demonstrate that what I do as an osteopath complies with the OPS**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		21	3%
2	Disagree		245	31%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		336	42%
4	Agree		186	23%
5	Strongly Agree		15	2%
	Total		803	100%


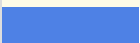

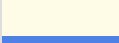

**39. Complying with the OPS restricts my ability to provide care that I believe would benefit patients**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		32	4%
2	Disagree		265	33%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		304	38%
4	Agree		173	22%
5	Strongly Agree		29	4%
	Total		803	100%

**40. The OPS reflect an overly legalised view of osteopathy**

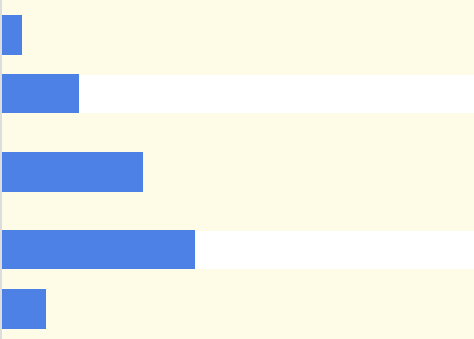
#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		12	1%
2	Disagree		103	13%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		226	28%
4	Agree		351	44%
5	Strongly Agree		111	14%
	Total		803	100%

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

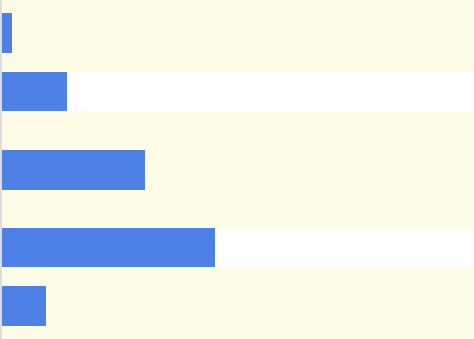
#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		50	6%
2	Disagree		231	29%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		304	38%
4	Agree		197	25%
5	Strongly Agree		21	3%
	Total		803	100%



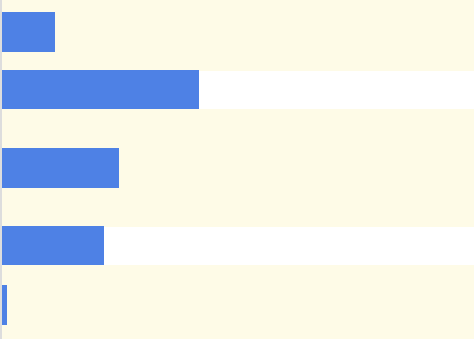
**42. I comply with the OPS to avoid getting into trouble with the GOsC**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		35	4%
2	Disagree		130	16%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		238	30%
4	Agree		325	40%
5	Strongly Agree		75	9%
	Total		803	100%



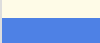


**43. I comply with the OPS to protect myself against being sued by a patient**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		18	2%
2	Disagree		110	14%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		242	30%
4	Agree		358	45%
5	Strongly Agree		75	9%
	Total		803	100%

**44. I have worried that things I have done as an osteopath may not comply with the OPS**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		91	11%
2	Disagree		332	41%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		198	25%
4	Agree		172	21%
5	Strongly Agree		10	1%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		9	5%
2	Disagree		35	21%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		36	21%
4	Agree		83	49%
5	Strongly Agree		7	4%
	Total		170	100%

**46. What aspects were you worried about?**






#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	My behaviour	60	45	28	35	0	168	2.23
2	My clinical competence	37	37	36	58	1	169	2.70
3	My health	93	45	23	5	1	167	1.66

**48. What action did you take?**






#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	I reflected on the issue by myself	1	5	15	124	27	172	3.99
2	I spoke with another osteopath or health care professional about the issue	9	24	27	91	19	170	3.51
3	I contacted the GOsC for advice about the issue	70	69	18	10	2	169	1.85
4	I contacted the Institute of Osteopathy (formerly the British Osteopathic Association) for advice about the issue	62	60	25	19	4	170	2.08
5	I read the OPS relevant to the issue	23	30	34	75	7	169	3.08
6	I read up about the issue	19	21	34	80	13	167	3.28
7	I did not take any action	59	52	28	23	7	169	2.21

#### 49. Other (please state)



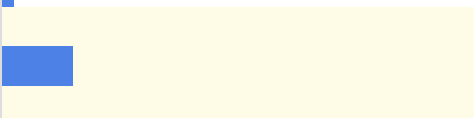

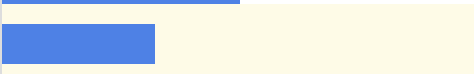
#### 50. I am clear about when to report another osteopath to the GOsC

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		17	2%
2	Disagree		153	19%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		144	18%
4	Agree		433	54%
5	Strongly Agree		56	7%
	Total		803	100%


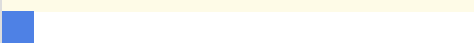
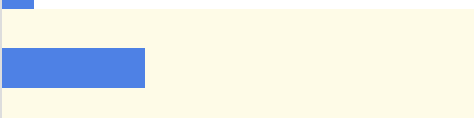

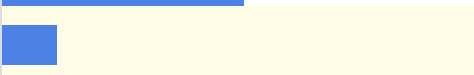
#### 51. I am clear about how to report another osteopath to the GOsC

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		20	2%
2	Disagree		196	24%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		196	24%
4	Agree		340	42%
5	Strongly Agree		51	6%
	Total		803	100%


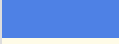

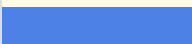

**52. I would always report another osteopath to the GOsC for serious malpractice (e.g. where patients were at risk of serious harm)**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		3	0%
2	Disagree		20	2%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		120	15%
4	Agree		402	50%
5	Strongly Agree		258	32%
	Total		803	100%




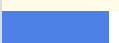

**53. Unless it is serious, it is better to deal with concerns about another osteopath informally, rather than go through a formal regulatory process**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		6	1%
2	Disagree		55	7%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		241	30%
4	Agree		407	51%
5	Strongly Agree		94	12%
	Total		803	100%






**54. I feel confident about challenging another osteopath if I am concerned about their ability to do their job**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		35	4%
2	Disagree		200	25%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		197	25%
4	Agree		321	40%
5	Strongly Agree		50	6%
	Total		803	100%

**55. I have had concerns about another osteopath's ability to do their job**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		146	18%
2	Disagree		302	38%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		128	16%
4	Agree		180	22%
5	Strongly Agree		47	6%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		39	19%
2	Disagree		69	33%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		14	7%
4	Agree		65	31%
5	Strongly Agree		21	10%
	Total		208	100%

**57. What aspects were you concerned about?**


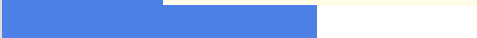
#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	Their behaviour	15	21	23	95	47	201	3.69
2	Their clinical competence	14	20	29	101	39	203	3.65
3	Their health	66	50	43	21	10	190	2.26

**58. Other (please state)**

**59. Have you ever considered reporting another osteopath for actions you thought were wrong or unethical?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		125	59%
2	No		88	41%
	Total		213	100%

**60. Have you considered reporting another osteopath within the past 12 months?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		44	34%
2	No		86	66%
	Total		130	100%

**61. If so, what action did you take? [Tick any number]**

#	Question	Yes	Total Responses
1	Reported the osteopath to the GOsC	22	22
2	Reported the osteopath to the Institute of Osteopathy (formerly the British Osteopathic Association)	10	10
3	Reported the osteopath to their employer or practice	10	10
4	Spoke to the osteopath in question	23	23
5	Discussed the osteopath with another osteopath or health care professional	55	55
6	Gave advice to a patient affected by the osteopath	47	47
7	Decided the concern was not serious or credible enough for further action to be taken	18	18
8	Did not take any action	21	21





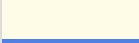


**62. If you did NOT report the osteopath in question, what were the reasons for this?**

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	The issue was resolved	21	32	34	40	12	139	2.93
2	My concern would have been impossible to prove	13	22	29	62	10	136	3.25
3	I feared retribution	25	37	27	32	9	130	2.72
4	I did not want to cause trouble	21	32	30	40	7	130	2.85
5	I would not have been listened to	20	42	41	25	3	131	2.61
6	No one would support me	21	41	44	19	4	129	2.57
7	I felt I would be hurting a colleague	24	40	28	33	4	129	2.64
8	I could not "tell tales"	26	36	40	23	3	128	2.54
9	I was not sure if my concern was right	29	38	28	36	2	133	2.58
10	I was isolated in my suspicions	27	42	36	25	0	130	2.45
11	I had no one to talk	28	49	35	16	0	128	2.30






	to about it							
12	I was advised against reporting the osteopath by peers	30	48	32	15	5	130	2.36
13	Reporting the osteopath might have had financial costs for me	33	51	26	12	8	130	2.32

### 63. Other (please state)

### 64. 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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		137	17%
2	Disagree		164	20%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		233	29%
4	Agree		232	29%
5	Strongly Agree		37	5%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		96	12%
2	Disagree		99	12%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		191	24%
4	Agree		344	43%
5	Strongly Agree		73	9%
	Total		803	100%

**66. 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:**

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. The Institute of Osteopathy (Formerly the British Osteopathic Association)	152	165	260	196	30	803	2.73
2	2. An established 'advanced practice group' representing particular areas of practice, patients, or approaches	147	162	249	209	36	803	2.78
3	3. An Osteopathic Education Institution	170	191	240	167	35	803	2.63




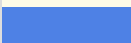

**67. Peer review would have a positive effect on how I practise as an osteopath if peer review was conducted in formal discussion with an accredited peer reviewer:**

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. Appointed by the GOsC	221	219	218	128	17	803	2.38
2	2. Chosen by me	92	116	249	275	71	803	3.15






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

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. Formal observation of my practice by an accredited peer reviewer	169	265	195	162	12	803	2.48
2	2. Informal observation of my practice by another osteopath	99	148	175	335	46	803	3.10
3	3. Formal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group accredited for the purposes of peer review	140	232	213	198	20	803	2.66
4	4. Informal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group	81	105	175	371	71	803	3.31

**69. 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**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		112	14%
2	Disagree		207	26%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		246	31%
4	Agree		217	27%
5	Strongly Agree		21	3%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		45	6%
2	Disagree		52	6%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		150	19%
4	Agree		425	53%
5	Strongly Agree		131	16%
	Total		803	100%

**71. 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:**

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. The Institute of Osteopathy (Formerly the British Osteopathic Association)	149	177	233	213	31	803	2.75
2	2. An established 'advanced practice group' representing particular areas of practice, patients, or approaches	139	177	246	211	30	803	2.77
3	3. An Osteopathic Education Institution	154	207	247	166	29	803	2.64

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


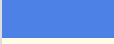



#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. Appointed by the GOsC	232	242	192	116	21	803	2.32
2	2. Chosen by me	71	106	221	324	81	803	3.30

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






#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. Formal observation of my practice by an accredited peer reviewer	181	249	214	147	12	803	2.45
2	2. Informal observation of my practice by another osteopath	94	119	177	369	44	803	3.19
3	3. Formal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group accredited for the purposes of peer review	148	219	239	182	15	803	2.62
4	4. Informal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group	66	104	182	381	70	803	3.35



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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		134	17%
2	Disagree		193	24%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		322	40%
4	Agree		143	18%
5	Strongly Agree		11	1%
	Total		803	100%

**75. Peer review, involving informal discussion with another osteopath, would produce fair outcomes**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		59	7%
2	Disagree		92	11%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		313	39%
4	Agree		296	37%
5	Strongly Agree		43	5%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. The Institute of Osteopathy (Formerly the British Osteopathic Association)	153	166	301	168	15	803	2.66
2	2. An established 'advanced practice group' representing particular areas of practice, patients, or approaches	145	167	296	173	22	803	2.70
3	3. An Osteopathic Education Institution	162	192	282	144	23	803	2.59

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

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. Appointed by the GOsC	217	217	251	104	14	803	2.35
2	2. Chosen by me	87	127	311	231	47	803	3.03




**78. Peer review would produce fair outcomes if it involved:**

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. Formal observation of my practice by an accredited peer reviewer	169	211	268	147	8	803	2.52
2	2. Informal observation of my practice by another osteopath	99	127	278	271	28	803	3.00
3	3. Formal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group accredited for the purposes of peer review	137	193	285	179	9	803	2.66
4	4. Informal discussion of my practice in an osteopathic group	72	116	260	309	46	803	3.18








**80. What age are you?**

Text Response




**81. What is your gender?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Male		406	51%
2	Female		351	44%
3	Prefer not to say		46	6%
	Total		803	100%

**82. Which of the following categories best described your ethnicity?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Bangladeshi		0	0%
2	Chinese		0	0%
3	Indian		9	1%
4	Pakistani		2	0%
5	Other Asian background		1	0%
6	African		1	0%
7	Caribbean		4	0%
8	Other Black background		1	0%
9	White & Black Caribbean		2	0%
10	White & African		1	0%
11	White & Asian		5	1%
12	Other mixed background		7	1%
13	White British		570	71%
14	White Irish		19	2%
16	Arab		1	0%
17	Other ethnic group		8	1%
18	Other White background		78	10%
21	Prefer not to say		94	12%
	Total		803	100%



**83. Which of the following categories best describes your sexuality?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Heterosexual		595	74%
2	Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual		30	4%
3	Prefer not to say / Other		178	22%
	Total		803	100%

**84. How many years have you been qualified as an osteopath?**

Text Response

**85. Are you registered as disabled?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		4	0%
2	No		730	91%
3	Prefer not to say		69	9%
	Total		803	100%

**86. Which Osteopathic Education Institution did you graduate from? (Tick all that apply)**

#	Question	Yes	Total Responses
1	British College of Osteopathic Medicine	106	106
2	British School of Osteopathy	377	377
3	The College of Osteopaths (validated by Middlesex)	46	46
4	The College of Osteopaths (validated by Staffordshire)	8	8
5	The European School of Osteopathy	110	110
6	Leeds Metropolitan University	7	7
7	London College of Osteopathic Medicine	4	4
8	London School of Osteopathy	40	40
9	Oxford Brookes University	48	48
10	The Surrey Institute of Osteopathic Medicine	17	17
11	Swansea University	2	2



**88. What qualifications do you have? (Tick all that apply)**

#	Question	Yes	Total Responses
1	DO	413	413
2	B Ost	88	88
3	M Ost	94	94
4	BSc	329	329
5	MSc	70	70
6	PhD	12	12

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

#	Question	Yes	Total Responses
1	North West	38	38
2	North East	23	23
3	Scotland	30	30
4	East Anglia	47	47
5	Midlands	72	72
6	London	190	190
7	South East	251	251
8	South West	113	113
9	Wales	21	21
10	Northern Ireland	4	4

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Working alone		359	45%
2	Working in a setting where other osteopaths also work		444	55%
	Total		803	100%




**93. Do you work full-time or part-time?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Full-time		493	61%
2	Part-time		310	39%
	Total		803	100%


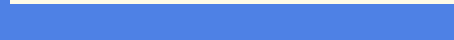

**94. In which of the following do you practice? (Tick all that apply)**

#	Question	Yes	Total Responses
1	Independent or private practice	782	782
2	NHS or public sector	60	60
3	Education sector	129	129
4	Research sector	27	27




**96. Have you ever had a complaint made against you to the GOsC?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		57	7%
2	No		727	91%
3	Prefer not to say		19	2%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		18	2%
2	No		767	96%
3	Prefer not to say		18	2%
	Total		803	100%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		111	14%
2	No		668	83%
3	Prefer not to say		24	3%
	Total		803	100%