



Osteopaths Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 21

The General Council and its committees

1 The General Osteopathic Council and its committees.

- (1) There shall be a body corporate to be known as the General Osteopathic Council (referred to in this Act as “the General Council”).
- (2) It shall be the duty of the General Council to develop ^{F1}... and regulate the profession of osteopathy.
- (3) The General Council shall have such other functions as are conferred on it by this Act.
- [^{F2}(3A) The over-arching objective of the General Council in exercising its functions is the protection of the public.
- (3B) The pursuit by the General Council of its over-arching objective involves the pursuit of the following objectives—
 - (a) to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of the public;
 - (b) to promote and maintain public confidence in the profession of osteopathy; and
 - (c) to promote and maintain proper professional standards and conduct for members of that profession.]
 - [^{F3}(4) The General Council shall be constituted as provided for by order of the Privy Council, subject to Part 1 of the Schedule (which relates to orders under this subsection and powers of the General Council), which shall have effect.]
 - (5) There shall be four committees of the General Council, to be known as—
 - (a) the Education Committee;
 - (b) the Investigating Committee;
 - (c) the Professional Conduct Committee; and
 - (d) the Health Committee.
 - (6) The four committees are referred to in this Act as “the statutory committees”.

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- (7) Each of the statutory committees shall have the functions conferred on it by or under this Act.
- (8) The General Council may establish such other committees as it considers appropriate in connection with the discharge of its functions.
- (9) Part II of the Schedule shall have effect with respect to the statutory committees.
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- ^{F4}(11)
- ^{F4}(12)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 1(2) omitted (9.7.2008) by virtue of [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1774\)](#), art. 1(2)(d), **Sch. 3 para. 1(a)**
- F2** S. 1(3A)(3B) inserted (26.9.2016) by [Health and Social Care \(Safety and Quality\) Act 2015 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 6(4), **Sch. para. 3(2)**; S.I. 2016/906, reg. 2(b)
- F3** S. 1(4) substituted (9.7.2008 for specified purposes, 1.4.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1774\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 3 para. 1(b)**; S.I. 2008/3150, art. 3(b)(i)
- F4** S. 1(10)-(12) omitted (1.4.2009) by virtue of [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1774\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 3 para. 1(c)**; S.I. 2008/3150, art. 3(b)(ii)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 wholly in force (3.3.2002); s. 1 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 42(2)(4)(5); s. 1(1)(8)(10)-(12) wholly in force and s. 1(2)-(4) in force for certain purposes at 14.1.1997 by [S.I. 1997/34](#), **art. 2**, **Sch.**; s. 1(5)(a)(6) wholly in force and s. 1(3)(4)(5)(b)-(d)(7)(9) in force for specified purposes at 1.4.1998 by [S.I. 1998/872](#), **art. 2(1)(a)(i)-(iii)**; s. 1(2) in force at 9.5.1998 insofar as not already in force and s. 1(3) in force for specified purposes at 9.5.1998 by [S.I. 1998/1138](#), **art. 2(a)(i)(ii)**; s. 1(5)(b) in force at 5.7.1999 insofar as not already in force and s. 1(7)(9) in force for certain purposes at 5.7.1999 by [S.I. 1999/1767](#), **art. 2(a)**; s. 1(4) in force for further specified purposes and s. 1(3)(5)(c)(d)(7)(9) in force insofar as not already in force (8.3.2000) by [S.I. 2000/217](#), **art. 2**; S. 1 fully in force (3.3.2002) by [S.I. 2002/500](#), **art. 2**

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