



# Osteopaths Act 1993

## CHAPTER 21

### OSTEOPATHS ACT 1993

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- 1 The General Osteopathic Council and its committees.

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## SCHEDULE — The General Council and Committees

### Part I — THE GENERAL COUNCIL

#### *Membership*

- 1 The General Council shall consist of— (a) 12 members elected...
- 2 The quorum of the General Council shall be 12.
- 3 Subject to paragraphs 4 to 7, each member's term of...
- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where a member fails to complete...

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- 5 Any member may at any time resign by notice in...
- 6 Every member shall retire on reaching the age of 70....
- 7 The General Council shall by rules make provision as to...
- 8 No person shall be prevented from being elected or from...

*Members elected by fully registered osteopaths*

- 9 (1) This paragraph and paragraph 10 apply in relation to...
- 10 The General Council shall make further provision by rules in...

*Members appointed by the Privy Council*

- 11 (1) Of the 8 members appointed by the Privy Council—...
- 11A . . . . .

*Members appointed by the Education Committee*

- 12 (1) The 3 members appointed by the Education Committee shall...

*The member appointed by the Secretary of State*

- 13 The member appointed by the Secretary of State shall be...

*The Chairman*

- 14 (1) The members of the General Council shall elect a...

*Powers of the General Council*

- 15 (1) Subject to any provision made by or under this...  
Part II — THE STATUTORY COMMITTEES

*General*

- 16 (1) The members of the statutory committees, other than co-opted...
- 17 (1) The co-option of any person to any of the...
- 18 A person shall not be prevented from being a member...
- 19 Any member of a statutory committee (other than a co-opted...
- 20 The General Council may by rules make provision with respect...
- 21 (1) The General Council shall make rules regulating the procedure...
- 22 (1) If it appears to the General Council that any...
- 23 (1) The powers of any statutory committee may be exercised...
- 24 (1) A person may be a member of more than...

*The Education Committee*

- 25 (1) The Education Committee shall consist of—
- 26 The Committee may co-opt up to 8 further members.
- 27 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the members of the Committee...
- 28 The quorum of the Committee shall be 7, of whom...
- 29 (1) The 3 members appointed to the General Council by...

*The Investigating Committee*

- 30 The Investigating Committee shall consist of at least 8 members...
- 31 The Committee may co-opt up to 8 further members.
- 32 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the members of the Committee...

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33 The quorum of the Committee shall be 7, of whom...

*The Professional Conduct Committee*

34 The Professional Conduct Committee shall consist of at least 6...

35 The Committee may co-opt up to 4 further members.

36 (1) If the Chairman of the General Council is a...

37 The quorum of the Committee shall be 5, of whom...

*The Health Committee*

38 The Health Committee shall consist of at least 6 members...

39 The Committee may co-opt up to 4 further members.

40 (1) If the Chairman of the General Council is a...

41 The quorum of the Committee shall be 5, none of...

Part III — TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

*The initial membership of the General Council*

42 When first constituted, the membership of the General Council shall...

*The transitional periods*

43 In this Part— “the three year transitional period” means the...

*The osteopathic members*

44 (1) During the three year transitional period, paragraph 1(a) shall...

*The lay members*

45 (1) The members appointed by the Privy Council under paragraph...

*The education members*

46 (1) During the four year transitional period, paragraph 1(c) shall...

*The Secretary of State’s nominee*

47 Subject to paragraphs 4, 5 and 7, the term of...

*Appointment of first Chairman*

48 (1) The first Chairman of the General Council shall be...

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