



# Osteopaths Act 1993

## 1993 CHAPTER 21

### *Professional education*

#### **12 Visitors.**

- (1) The Education Committee may appoint persons to visit any place at which or institution by which or under whose direction—
  - (a) any relevant course of study is, or is proposed to be, given;
  - (b) any examination is, or is proposed to be, held in connection with any such course;
  - (c) any test of competence is, or is proposed to be, conducted in connection with any such course or for any other purpose connected with this Act.
- (2) In subsection (1) “relevant course of study” means any course of study which forms, or is intended to form, part of—
  - (a) the complete course of study required in order to obtain a recognised qualification or a qualification for which recognition is being sought; or
  - (b) any training which a registered osteopath may be required to undergo after registration.
- (3) No person appointed as a visitor may exercise his functions under this section in relation to—
  - (a) any place at which he regularly gives instruction in any subject; or
  - (b) any institution with which he has a significant connection.
- (4) A person shall not be prevented from being appointed as a visitor merely because he is a member of—
  - (a) the General Council; or
  - (b) any of its committees.
- (5) Where a visitor visits any place or institution, in the exercise of his functions under this section, he shall report to the Education Committee—
  - (a) on the nature and quality of the instruction given, or to be given, and the facilities provided or to be provided, at that place or by that institution; and

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- (b) on such other matters (if any) as he was required to report on by the Committee.
- (6) Requirements of the kind mentioned in subsection (5)(b) may be imposed by the Education Committee—
- (a) generally in relation to all visits;
  - (b) generally in relation to all visits made to a specified kind of place or institution; or
  - (c) specifically in relation to a particular visit.
- (7) Where a visitor reports to the Education Committee under subsection (5), the Committee shall on receipt of the report—
- (a) send a copy of it to the institution concerned; and
  - (b) notify that institution of the period within which it may make observations on, or raise objections to, the report.
- (8) The period specified by the Committee in a notice given under subsection (7)(b) shall not be less than one month beginning with the date on which a copy of the report is sent to the institution under subsection (7)(a).
- (9) The Education Committee shall not take any steps in the light of any report made under subsection (5) before the end of the specified period.
- (10) The General Council may—
- (a) pay fees, allowances and expenses to persons appointed as visitors; or
  - (b) treat any such person, for the purposes of paragraph 15(2)(c) to (e) of the Schedule, as a member of its staff.
- (11) In the case of a visitor who is also such a member as is mentioned in subsection (4), any payment made to him in his capacity as a visitor shall be in addition to any to which he is entitled as such a member.

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