



Osteopaths Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 21

Professional conduct and fitness to practise

19 The Code of Practice

- (1) The General Council shall prepare and from time to time publish a Code of Practice—
 - (a) laying down standards of conduct and practice expected of registered osteopaths; and
 - (b) giving advice in relation to the practice of osteopathy.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the General Council to keep the Code under review and to vary its provisions whenever the Council considers it appropriate to do so.
- (3) Before issuing the Code or varying it, the General Council shall consult such representatives of practising osteopaths as it considers appropriate.
- (4) Where any person is alleged to have failed to comply with any provision of the Code, that failure—
 - (a) shall not be taken, of itself, to constitute unacceptable professional conduct on his part; but
 - (b) shall be taken into account in any proceedings against him under this Act.
- (5) Any person who asks the General Council for a copy of the Code shall be entitled to have one on payment of such reasonable fee as the Council may determine.
- (6) Subsection (5) is not to be taken as preventing the General Council from providing copies of the Code free of charge whenever it considers it appropriate.