

How is touch communicated in the context of manual therapy? A workshop to explore the literature, implications and next steps

Background

Although patients report very high levels of satisfaction in osteopathic care, patient reported concerns in the area of consent and communication and in the areas of boundaries transgressions are higher than desirable although reducing.

As part of a suite of work to reduce concerns further in this area, the GOsC and GCC commissioned a literature review in relation to communication and miscommunication in the context of touch to explore the implications for the regulators and others in the sector.

We are interested to work with those within and outside the sector to understand how to support reduction in these concerns but whilst still maintaining reported benefits of the therapeutic benefit of touch.

Aim of workshop

- To share the findings of the literature review
- To seek feedback from participants about their response to the findings
- To promote discussion, feedback and the generation of creative ideas to support reducing of concerns whilst maintaining and enhancing reported benefits of touch
- To agree next steps

Attendees

Attendees will include: patients, osteopaths (including from the Institute of Osteopathy, Osteopathic Alliance and local groups), educators, chiropractors and those from other professional groups

Date

The seminars will take place:

- Tuesday 26 March 2019 at the University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield, HD1 3DH (10:00 to 15:15)
- Wednesday 27 March 2019 at the General Osteopathic Council, Osteopathy House, 176 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 3LU (10:00 to 15:15)

Format

The seminar will include presentations, interactive sessions and discussion groups.

Next steps

Participants will have the opportunity to contribute to collaborate with each other and the regulators with a view to making a difference in this critical and under-researched area.

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