



Hello and welcome to the first College of Operating Department Practitioners (CODP) student newsletter.

I'm David Bethell, a third-year student Operating Department Practitioner (ODP) and the student lead for CODP.

I want to create a vibrant student network within the ODP community so I will be creating some new roles and events that you can get involved in.

Your views and experience will be especially important to me - I want to make sure you are a key part of the College as a student.

### **Student ambassadors**

I will advertise these roles soon so look out for them to get involved.

This is a great opportunity for personal and professional development and to get involved with the College.

## Student webinars

I will be organising a series of webinars for student ODPs. If you would like anything discussed please let me know what you'd be interested in learning. There is an amazing community of ODPs who can provide valuable information for you as a student,

So far, topics will include:

- Career development
- Transitioning from student to registered ODP and ODPs in research.

## Student recognition event

This event will highlight your dedication, the fantastic work you do and the contributions you make to the profession.

I hope you find the rest of this newsletter useful. I'll be sending you updates from CODP every now and then about things that matter to us - so look out for my emails!

Very best wishes,  
David Bethell  
CODP Student Lead

---

## INFORMATION

### Life assurance

As you return to placements this semester I want to remind you of the life assurance arrangements you have on placement.

The information for students studying in England, Scotland and Wales are below. *(There are currently no higher education institutes offering pre-registration ODP education in Northern Ireland.)*

CODP will continue to check these life assurance provisions. **Don't forget to make sure you complete any risk assessments required by your university.**

▶ [Life assurance scheme - students in England](#)

▶ [Life Assurance \(England\) Scheme](#)

▶ [Life assurance scheme - students in Cymru/Wales](#)

▶ [Life assurance scheme - students in Scotland](#)

▶ [Death in service benefits letter - students in Scotland](#)

## Temporary registration

The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) have announced that they will be extending the COVID-19 Temporary Register until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

▶ [HCPC COVID-19 temporary register](#)

## NHS Learning Support Fund (England only)

A new training grant is available for all eligible student ODPs in England. Extra financial support is also available to eligible students with at least one child dependant.

Thanks to lobbying from the CODP and UNISON, students on a pre-registration degree programme are now eligible to apply.

▶ [Find out more](#)

## Patient Group Directions

CODP has worked as part of the NHS England Chief Professions Officers' medicines mechanism programme to develop the case of need for ODPs to use Patient Group Directions.

This has now reached a stage of national public consultation for ODPs using Patient Group Directions to supply and administer medicines. The consultation will run for 8 weeks and close on 10 December 2020.

▶ [Read the consultation document](#)

## Allied Health Professionals Day

We celebrated this on 14 October this year. It provided celebration, and recognition of the AHPs and the role they play in the health care system.

ODPs have been recognised as AHPs since April 2017 so we had a lot of exposure on the day. Work is still ongoing to universalise this AHP status in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The Chief Allied Health Professions Officer for England's paid tribute to AHPs. It was great to see student's being included in this tribute too.

▶ [Watch the tribute to AHPs](#)

## Insurance recognition

The job 'Operating Department Practitioner' will soon be a recognised occupation on insurance databases, such as; motor, household etc.

This comes after more than a year of the College working with the Association of British Insurers.

The College cannot comment on any the impact of the recognition will have on any premiums.

## **Congratulations**

Many congratulations to Amina Ibrahim MBE, who is an ODP at St. George's Hospital. Amina was awarded an MBE for services to health.

Amina is the founder and team leader of Somaliland Healthcare Initiative.

Amina will be speaking about her experiences working in developed countries at the College webinar on 5 November.

Sign up via the link below

 [RSVP now](#)

## **And finally...Student CODP badges**

The CODP has designed exclusive badges for you as a student member.

You can order these via your local UNISON branch. If you're not sure which branch you are in, you can use our handy branch finder.

 [Find my branch](#)