

July 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to our July newsletter. We hope you find the newsletter helpful and informative, please get in touch if you want further information on any of the news items in this edition.

CODP Update

The College of Operating Department Practitioners transfer from UNISON was anticipated for earlier in 2024 however, the legal process of the transition has proved more complex than originally expected which has unfortunately delayed the process. The College is working closely with UNISON to reactivate CODP Limited and we expect the transfer to be completed in the very near future.

Congratulation Cat Eccles MP

Huge congratulations to Cat Eccles, a Senior Operating Department Practitioner and now newly elected Member of Parliament for Stourbridge. Cat has served her local community for many years being a Councillor for Wollaston and Stourbridge Town.

Cat is joined in the House of Commons with other newly elected MPs from a health background including ENT Surgeon Peter Prinsley (Bury St Edmonds and Stowmarket), Transplant Surgeon Zubir Ahmed (Glasgow South West) and Physiotherapist Sonia Kumar.



CODP Modern Slavery Statement

Modern Slavery is everywhere, many of the products used in operating departments are in categories that are classified as high risk of Modern Slavery. An increase in the awareness and a deepening understanding of this uncomfortable but important topic is required by Operating Department Practitioners working across a range of roles.

To support this, the College of Operating Department Practitioners has published our first [Modern Slavery Statement](#) The College is not required to undertake this however we do this to demonstrate our Social Responsibility.

Clinical and University Educators CUE Forum

The Summer CODP CUE Forum was held on 3rd July 2024 at Edge Hill University (Manchester Campus). The programme for the day included Operating Department Practitioner Research: The Current Picture, Use of Virtual Reality in Simulation, the North West ODP Virtual Reality RePAIR Project, Sustainability in Operating Departments and an update of the CODP BSc(Hons) in Operating Department Practice Pre-Registration Curriculum Review.



Allied Health Professional (AHP) Critical Care Capability Framework

The [AHP Critical Care Capability Framework](#) has now been finalised together with all supporting information and capability statements for each level of practice and each profession. The framework aims to define a nationally recognised standard that highlights the unique experience, expertise and contributions of five AHP professions (including Operating Department Practice) in adult critical care across the patient pathway and as part of a multi-professional team. The framework has been developed to address the immediate challenges and pressures and support change in the medium to long-term by attracting, training and retaining the AHP workforce required to deliver optimal patient care for all.

Acetone in Anaesthetic Room



Following guidance from the [Safe Anaesthesia Liaison Group](#) please ensure that Acetone is removed from Anaesthetic Rooms.

Operating Department Practitioners' Research Priorities

In February 2024 ethical approval was obtained to undertake a Delphi Study to identify Operating Department Practitioners' research priorities. Participants were recruited via circulation of a flyer with QR and via social media channels. The study took place between March and May 2024 and consisted of three rounds. Participants came from a large geographical area covering England and consisted of a mix of ODPs based in the NHS, Higher Education Institutes (HEI's), and students, as well as covering a range of qualifications/educational levels from student to doctorate. Participants were asked to list three topics that they felt should be a research priority, these were coded independently and reviewed for consensus to finalise topics (n=49). Round two (n=21) attributed a

score to each topic and recirculated, this identified two additional topics therefore we utilised a third (n=17) and final round for completion. Thirty-one topics met threshold criteria to be deemed a research priority with five themes identified.

- Theatre Culture
- Workforce Transformation
- Education
- Patient Safety and Experience
- Innovation and Technology

This project was presented at the CUE forum in July 2024 and will now be written up for publication and dissemination and used to contribute to the wider ODP research Strategy.

The second project that is in now in progress is the HEI evaluation of Research Teaching Provision. All HEIs have now been contacted via CODP and asked to complete a short form. The aim of this project is to establish what research education is being delivered to ODP students and identify areas of good practice or disparities. The purpose of this evaluation is to:

- Grow research capacity and capability to ensure ODP students have a solid and consistent foundation on which to build research in to their ongoing ODP career.
- Support HEI staff development in research
- Inform the future CODP curriculum
- Improve perception of research in clinical practice

We now have an active ODP research community of practice with a temporary website to support.

In addition to all of the above CODP are now represented by Adele and Victoria at Council for Allied Health Professions Research (CAHPR) and also as an under represented group at the new Advocates of the North group, an NIHR group which has recently been established.

Update provide by Dr Adele Nightingale and Victoria Cadman.