## ONE ORGANISATION, ONE NAME THE WAY FORWARD

There's a critical vote coming up about our name at our annual general meeting (AGM) on 30 June 2018. Members will be able to vote on this important issue, so look out for voting forms coming out by post at the end of May and in the meantime, we want to hear your views.

In 2016 Council agreed to join our two organisations, the Society and the College together. Now it is proposed that we formally adopt just one name and as set out in our constitution, we need members' support to do this.

We face really important challenges in the months ahead to ensure our voice is heard in key debates on patient health, regulation and the future of our profession. We have an ambitious strategy, based on what members told us were the right priorities for our future. Delivery of this strategy relies on having a strong and forward-looking organisation with a clear and focused message, name and brand. We hope you will support Council, the CEO and Executive Team by endorsing Council's proposed name change at the AGM or by proxy. We want our name to be:

#### The College of Podiatry

Representing chiropodists and podiatrists across the UK

We very much hope you will support this crucial change to give us the identity we need to make a difference. You will find information and Q&As on our website www.scpod.org/qa If you have any questions at all, we are here to provide answers so please email CEO Steve Jamieson at feedback@scpod.org.



# PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The Professional Practice Committee met on 15 February 2018, and was chaired by Paul Savage.

The committee has revised all the practice forms including the Annual Diabetic Foot Check, Patient Assessment, Medical History, and Patient Record forms. They have been uploaded to the practice area of the website.

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will come into effect on 25 May. There is now a GDPR area on the website with 'how to comply' articles for members.

The number of practices that have become accredited continues to increase, although it was felt more needs to be done to increase the uptake. Therefore the committee will be working with the membership and marketing departments to promote and incentivise the scheme.



#### CEO ADDRESSES NI B<u>RANCH</u>

CEO Steve Jamieson addressed members of the Northern Ireland Branch at a CPD Night in Antrim on 5 March. His presentation covered the new strategic direction and organisational developments.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) was also on the agenda for the CPD evening, with Solicitor Rory Campbell from Belfast based law firm Forde Campbell Solicitors answering questions and detailing requirements under the new EU regulations which become law on 25 May.

### PASCOM-10 HITS 100,000 RECORDS

DAVID R TOLLAFIELD & ANTHONY MAHER PASCOM-10 WORKING PARTY

PASCOM-10, an audit system originally developed in 1997 and available as a benefit to all members of the College, has gathered data online for the last eight years, mainly from podiatric surgeons. On Monday 19 March the database reached an impressive milestone, registering over 100,000 patients.

The database is possibly the largest of its kind held anywhere recording the outcomes of podiatric surgery and podiatry. While surgery has been an important test bed for the development of PASCOM, the system is available for all to use and can audit activity and outcomes in all fields of podiatry.

The College has some 10,000 members. If a relatively small group of podiatric surgeons and vanguard podiatrists can collect clinical data on 100,000 patients, just think of the evidence we could produce to support the good work we do for our patients if we all pull together.

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