



ANNUAL REPORT

2006-07



Annual Report – 30th September 2007

Name of Section:

College of Occupational Therapists – Specialist Section – People with Learning disabilities

Author of Report:

Esther Day - Chair

Date: 23rd October 2007

1. National Executive Committee

NEC as of 30th September 2007

Esther Day – Chair

Anne Matthews - Treasurer & membership

Gwyneth James *Co-opted* -Practice principles project & Education

Alison Lillywhite *Co-opted* - Practice principles project

Lanier Pole - Research & development

Patrick Woodman - Website & localities

David Haines* - Newsletter

Bev Taylor-Wade* - Information officer

Rachel Gibbs* - Conference co-ordinator

Claire Drew *Co-opted* - Resource reviews

*Term of office commenced 1st November 2006

NEC leavers

Margaret Williams – Chair (end of term October 2006)

Neil Morgan – treasurer (end of term October 2007)

Marion Blackman – Website & Public relations officer (end of term October 2007)

Liza Clifford – Resource review co-ordinator and information co-ordinator (May 2007)

2. NEC Schedule of Meetings

14th December cancelled due to chairs ill health

25th & 26th January 2007 @ COT

17th & 18th May 2007 @ COT

20th & 21st September 2007 @ Oxford

Agendas and minutes copied to COT and available upon request.



3. Specialist Sections Membership Data

	BAOT/COT OT Member	Non BAOT/COT OT Member	Student Member	BAOT/COT Associate Member	Non BAOT/COT Associate Member	Overseas Member	Others	Total
Year End 30.09.06	252	6	11	2	1	2	2	276
Year Start 1.10.06	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	13
Year End 30.9.07	239	9	16	3	2	4	1	274

4. Schedule of publications over the year

- Spring newsletter
- Summer newsletter
- Autumn newsletter
- OTNews article for September OTNews

5. Study days

None offered

6. Annual Conference

1st & 2nd November 2007 in Oxford

80 delegates anticipated

7. List special talks/projects undertaken

- *Health Professions Council - Standards of Proficiency Consultation: Comments by NEC*
- *VR - Think tank / consultation meeting, Feb 07: Attended by Alison Lillywhite*
- *Member gets member: NEC responded to proposal by COT*
- *OT assessments: Specialist section members added to Chris Austin's database with regard to the national IT project*
- *Interactive Learning Opportunities Database (ILOD): Meeting attended by Gwyn James*
- *Endorsement of course: Members responded to a request for 'experts' to evaluate a dance related course on behalf of COT*
- *Commissioning specialist learning disability services: NEC gave comments on this document*



- *DH consultation: 'Nominating a consultee for research involving adults who lack capacity to consent':* Comments given by NEC to Helen Hampson
- *Guidance re - specialist learning disability health services:* Comments given by NEC to Debra Moore, Joint National Programme Lead - Learning Disabilities – CSIP, Department of Health
- *Challenging Behaviour :A unified Approach -joint response from COT and RCN:* Comments being compiled for Genevieve Smyth as she is formulating a joint response.
- *Practice principles project: Audit of 'Principles for Education and Practice – Occupational Therapy Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities' (COT 2003) :* See appendix 1

8. Business Plan – outcomes from previous year

See attached Business plan 2006/7 – updated September 2007

9. Business Plan and Budget forecast for forthcoming year

See attached Business plan 2007/8

10. Update on website

- Use of website seems to have increased with more contact with members via discussion forum and e-mail and less telephone contact (e-mail details on website)
- Membership form on website and members encouraged to download as needed.
- Conference details and application form on website and conference publicised via website.
- NEC nomination form available to download
- Top ten tips for students available to download
- Website needs further revision to ensure all information up to date and relevant – this will be in conjunction with the COT IT initiative.

11. Any other relevant information

The new specialist section e-mail was created this year and has been used greatly by members, (cotsspld@hotmail.co.uk). Has given an easy source of contact for members.



The last 2 newsletters have been distributed by e-mail with very positive feedback. This has made the information more up to date as the previous completion to distribution time was over 1 month.

Appendix 1

Practice principles project: Audit of 'Principles for Education and Practice – Occupational Therapy Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities' (COT 2003)

In August 2006 the College of Occupational Therapists (COT) in conjunction with the specialist section for occupational therapists working with people with learning disabilities (OTPLD) commissioned a national audit of learning disability (LD) occupational therapy (OT) practice against the 'Principles for Education and Practice – Occupational Therapy Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities' (COT 2003). The audit was designed to have four separate phases.

- **Phase one:** was devised to gauge the extent to which a sample of LD OT's were meeting the standards of practice set down in the aforementioned document.
- **Phase two:** was devised to highlight some examples of good practice amongst a cohort of LD OT's practicing in various regions throughout the UK.
- **Phase three:** was devised to establish what training the schools of OT offer their undergraduate students about working with those who have a LD.
- **Phase four:** was devised with a view to gathering information about the perception of a variety of stake holders (such as parents, carers and advocates) about the quality of OT services being offered to those with LDs.

To date, phase one has been completed and a report written. Unfortunately the lead researcher has needed to tender her resignation from the project so alternative plans for completion of the project are underway. Ethics approval for phases two and four is being sought from COT and NHS.



Currently the plans for completion are being finalised so limited detail can be given as to the future actions, however these are due to be discussed with COT in November 2007.

