

**Constitution of the North East Branch**  
**of the BChA**

1. Local branches of the BChA may at any time be established and dissolved by the Council and the Council shall have the power to regulate the constitution, function and objectives of the branches provided the same shall be consistent with the objectives of the BChA.
2. The Council shall provide for such organisation linking the Council with the branches as the Council shall consider adequate to ensure that the views and opinions of the branches are communicated to the Council and that the opinions and views of the Council are communicated to the branches.
3. The branch committee will consist of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and such other members as the branch may consider necessary. The committee will constitute the branch officers and will be elected for a period of no less than three years, subject to ratification at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the branch.
4. Committee posts may be held for as long as the member wishes to continue in the post, subject to ratification by the branch membership at the AGM.
5. The officers of the branch shall be fully qualified (MSSCh or FSSCh) members of the BChA or fully qualified (MAFHP or FAFHP) members of the BAFHP and responsible to the council of the BChA for the conduct of the business of the branch.
6. No officer of the branch may be an officer of another chiropody, podiatry or foot health organisation
7. The branch chairman will be the branch representative on the council and will attend any council meetings held. In the absence of the branch chairman either the Vice chairman or secretary will attend