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From the Deputy Clerk of the Council

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Dear Mr Walker

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualifications
Initial Recognition of the Master of Osteopathic Medicine qualifications at the
University of St Mark and St John**

This is to confirm that the Privy Council has considered the request from the General Osteopathic Council ("the General Council") regarding the recognition of the Master of Osteopathic Medicine qualifications from 1 September 2017 until 31 January 2021 awarded by the University of St Mark and St John.

The Privy Council, in exercise of its powers under sections 14(2) and 15(6) of the Osteopaths Act 1993 (c. 21) and having regard to the information made available by the General Council in accordance with Section 14(7) of that Act in its letter to the Clerk to the Privy Council dated 26 May 2017, together with the enclosures to that letter, by this letter approves those qualifications awarded during the periods stated above, and approves the imposition of conditions by the General Council as set out in the following table:

CONDITIONS	
a.	The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must revisit and comprehensively map external reference points, including the <i>Osteopathic Practice Standards (OPS)</i> , the <i>Guidance for Osteopathic pre-registration Education (GOPRE)</i> and the <i>Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy</i> , by May 2017, and ensure that their requirements are fully embedded throughout the programme (paragraphs 12 to 15).

b.	The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must implement a phased strategy for ensuring that external clinical placements are available from September 2019, consistent with the requirements of the Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy, sufficient to meet projected student numbers and underpinned by service level agreements that articulate clinical arrangements and responsibilities, and the support and mentoring to be provided for placement supervisors and their students (paragraph 33, 50, 58, and 59).
c.	The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must implement, by September 2017, a fitness to practise policy that reflects current General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) guidance, and ensure that key staff, including external placement supervisors, are trained to participate in relevant stages of the process (paragraph 48).
d.	The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must implement, by May 2017, a phased five-year clinic infrastructure development strategy that meets the requirements of the <i>Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy</i> and the <i>Osteopathic Practice Standards (OPS)</i> , consistent with initial development requirements and planned growth in student numbers, as part of a comprehensive plan for learning resources and programme expansion (paragraphs 50 to 54).
e.	The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must implement, by August 2017, a marketing strategy linked to forecast student numbers, to ensure that an appropriate range and diversity of patient presentations are available to meet students' learning needs, consistent with the expectations of the <i>Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy</i> and the <i>Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education</i> (paragraphs 60 to 62).
f.	The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must implement, by March 2017, a comprehensive phased strategy for the recruitment, appointment and training of specialist staff, to provide students with a diversity of exposure to a range of osteopathic perspectives, so that staff are in post three months prior to programme start (paragraphs 64 to 66).
g.	The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must submit an Annual Report, within a three month period of the date the request was first made, to the Education Committee of the General Council.

h.	<p>The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must inform the Education Committee of the General Council as soon as practicable, of any change or proposed substantial change likely to influence the quality of the course leading to the qualification and its delivery, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. substantial changes in finance ii. substantial changes in management iii. changes to the title of the qualification iv. changes to the level of the qualification v. changes to franchise agreements vi. changes to validation agreements vii. changes to the length of the course and the mode of its delivery viii. substantial changes in clinical provision ix. changes in teaching personnel x. changes in assessment xi. changes in student entry requirements xii. changes in student numbers (an increase or decline of 20 per cent or more in the number of students admitted to the course relative to the previous academic year should be reported) xiii. changes in patient numbers passing through the student clinic (an increase or decline of 20 per cent in the number of patients passing through the clinic relative to the previous academic year should be reported) xiv. changes in teaching accommodation xv. changes in IT, library and other learning resource provision
i.	<p>The University of St Mark and St John (MARJON) must comply with the General Council's requirements for the assessment of the osteopathic clinical performance of students and its requirements for monitoring the quality and ensuring the standards of this assessment. These are outlined in the publication: <i>Subject Benchmark Statement: Osteopathy, 2015</i>, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and <i>Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education, 2015</i>, General Osteopathic Council. The participation of real patients in a real clinical setting must be included in this assessment. Any changes in these requirements will be communicated in writing to the MARJON giving not less than 9 months notice.</p>

I am sending a copy of this letter to Fiona Browne (fbrowne@osteopathy.org.uk).

Yours ever,
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