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Draft Review Specification for the University College of Osteopathy- Renewal of Recognised Qualification Review (as at January 2023)

Background

1. The University College of Osteopathy currently provides the following qualifications which do not have an expiry date.
 - a. Master of Osteopathy
 - b. Bachelor of Osteopathy.
 - c. Master of Science in Osteopathy (pre-registration).
2. The University currently has an RQ for all these qualifications without an expiry date. In accordance with the Mott MacDonald Handbook, this is a visit to ensure that our standards are being maintained. As this is now a qualification without an expiry date, we would expect, in line with previous Committee and Council decisions, that if conditions are set for this visit, they would be published on an action plan rather than attached to the RQ Order. A copy of the current Recognised Qualification award and the last Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) report is attached for information. All Education Committee papers are available on request.

Review Specification

3. The GOsC requests that Mott MacDonald schedules a review for Visitors to report on the following qualifications:
 - Master of Osteopathy
 - Bachelor of Osteopathy.
 - Master of Science in Osteopathy (pre-registration).
4. The aim of the GOsC Quality Assurance process is to:
 - Put patient safety and public protection at the heart of all activities
 - Ensure that graduates meet the standards outlined in the Osteopathic Practice Standards
 - Make sure graduates meet the outcomes of the Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education.
 - Identify good practice and innovation to improve the student and patient experience
 - Identify concerns at an early stage and help to resolve them effectively without compromising patient safety or having a detrimental effect on student education
 - Identify areas for development or any specific conditions to be imposed upon the course providers to ensure standards continue to be met

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- Promote equality and diversity in osteopathic education.
5. The format of the review will be based on the [interim Mott MacDonald Handbook \(2021\)](#). The matters on which the Education Committee will wish to be satisfied about are outlined in the [Graduate Outcomes and Standards for Education and Training](#) in order to enable the Committee to determine that the qualification meets the Osteopathic Practice Standards.
 6. In addition to the usual review format for a renewal of recognition review (appropriate to the stage of development of this course), the Committee would like to ensure that the following areas are explored:
 - the review of governance processes initiated in 2020 and outcome of the Committee Effectiveness Review;
 - student feedback process and actions taken in response to NSS scores;
 - actions taken to address the discrepancies identified between experiences of students on the full time and part time study between the teaching centre and the clinic.
 - the impact and effectiveness of the newly introduced Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Group; and
 - progress/outcome of the workforce planning process.

Provisional Timetable

7. The provisional timetable for the University College of Osteopathy review will be as follows:

Month/Year	Action/Decision
October 2021	Committee agreement of initial review specification and visitors
March/June 2022 (delayed to October 2022 due to challenges in agreeing an appropriate visiting team)	Committee agreement and statutory appointment of visitors
10 weeks before the visit (January/February 2023)	Submission of mapping document
May 2023	RQ Visit (including observation of teaching and learning both clinical and academic and opportunities for discussions with staff and students.)
5 weeks following visit (June-July 2023)	Draft Report to University College of Osteopathy for comments - statutory period.

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Month/Year	Action/Decision
August-September 2023	Preparation of Action Plan to meet proposed conditions (if any)
October 2023	As this is an RQ without an expiry date, we would expect that the Committee will publish the Action Plan with the conditions attached to that and that the RQ will not require any further action.
November 2023	Recognition of Qualification ongoing by the General Osteopathic Council. (No need for further approval of the RQ by the Privy Council unless changes are required). Or request to Privy Council to approve alternative recognition.