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From the Head of Secretariat & Senior Clerk

5th September 2013

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Dear Tim,

**Section 14 and 15 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualifications
Recognition of the Master of Osteopathic Medicine, the Bachelor of Science (Hons)
Osteopathic Medicine and Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine at Surrey Institute of
Osteopathic Medicine.**

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 and Bachelor of Science (Hons) Osteopathic Medicine during the period 1 November 2013 to 31 October 2018, and the recognition of the Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine during the period 1 March 2013 until 31 October 2018.

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 19/07/2013, 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 SIOM develops and makes explicit, by the end of 2013, the assessment criteria employed for year four assessments in the Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master of Osteopathic Medicine qualifications to demonstrate greater differentiation between Level 6 and M Level.
b.	The SIOM develops and implements a marketing plan from September 2013 which is linked to forecast student numbers, underpinned by strengthened commitments to ensure that students are gaining the requisite breadth and depth of experience to deliver the Osteopathic Practice Standards and address ways of building relationships with existing patients. The SIOM should report on progress with the

	implementation plan in each Annual Report submitted to the General Council within the recognition period.
c.	The SIOM 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.
d.	<p>The SIOM must inform the Education Committee of the General Council as soon as practicable, of any change or proposed 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
e.	The SIOM 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: ISBN 978 1 84482 734 3 <i>Subject benchmark statement for Osteopathy, 2007</i> , Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. 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 SIOM giving not less than 9 months notice.

Yours ever,


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