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Professor Adrian Eddleston  
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Dear Professor Eddleston,

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualifications,  
Leeds Metropolitan University (Leeds Met)**

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 qualifications Master of Osteopathy during the period 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2013 and the renewal of the BSc (Hons) Osteopathy during the period 1 September 2011 to 31 July 2013 awarded by the Leeds Metropolitan University (Leeds Met).

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 2 November 2010, 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 – Initial Master of Osteopathy	
a.	The Leeds Met must submit an Annual Report to the Education Committee of the General Council.
b.	The Leeds Met must submit to the General Council, by 30 April 2011, a marketing plan focussed on ensuring an appropriate range, diversity and number of patients within the clinic so that the needs of students are met for the duration of the recognition of this qualification (until 31 July 2013). The marketing plan should include details of the patient numbers required. If the General Council finds cause for concern in any aspect of the marketing plan it may set a new date by which the Leeds Met must submit a revised marketing plan for approval. The Leeds Met must

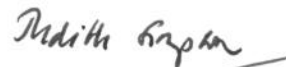
	implement the marketing plan and report progress in each subsequent annual report submitted to the General Council up until the date of the next renewal of recognition review.
c.	The Leeds Met must submit to the General Council, by 30 April 2011, details of staff recruitment to date including curriculum vitae. The Leeds Met should also submit, by 30 April 2011, its plans for further staff recruitment, including job descriptions, person specifications and intended dates for appointment. The Leeds Met must report progress on implementing further staff recruitment in each subsequent annual report submitted to the General Council up until the date of the next renewal of recognition review.
d.	The Leeds Met must ensure that there is a majority of external assessors with experience of assessing at Master's level for the Final Clinical Competence assessments of the first two graduating cohorts of students in 2011 and 2012. The Leeds Met must confirm to the General Council in its annual report submission for 2010 and 2011 respectively that this has been achieved in advance of the assessments.
e.	The Leeds Met must submit to the General Council, by 30 April 2011, plans to establish staff development processes to ensure that relevant staff are competent to teach and assess at Master's level. The Leeds Met must report progress with implementing the plans in each subsequent annual report submitted to the General Council up until the date of the next renewal of recognition review.
f.	<p>The Leeds Met must inform the Education Committee of the General Council early, 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"> <li>i) substantial changes in finance</li> <li>ii) substantial changes in management</li> <li>iii) changes to the title of the qualification</li> <li>iv) changes to the level of the qualification</li> <li>v) introduction or changes to franchise agreements</li> <li>vi) changes to validation agreements</li> <li>vii) changes to the length of the course and the mode of its delivery</li> <li>viii) substantial changes in clinical provision</li> <li>ix) changes in teaching personnel</li> <li>x) changes in assessment programmes</li> <li>xi) changes in student entry requirements</li> <li>xii) changes in student numbers</li> <li>xiv) changes in patient numbers passing through the student clinic</li> <li>xv) changes in teaching accommodation</li> </ul>

	xvi) changes in IT, library and other learning resource provision.
g.	The Leeds Met must comply with the General Osteopathic 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 Leeds Met giving not less than 9 months notice.

CONDITIONS – BSc (Hons) Osteopathy	
a.	The Leeds Met must submit an Annual Report to the Education Committee of the General Council.
b.	The Leeds Met must submit to the General Council, by 30 April 2011, a marketing plan focussed on ensuring an appropriate range, diversity and number of patients within the clinic so that the needs of students are met for the duration of the recognition of this qualification (until 31 July 2013). The marketing plan should include details of the patient numbers required. If the General Council finds cause for concern in any aspect of the marketing plan it may set a new date by which the Leeds Met must submit a revised marketing plan for approval. The Leeds Met must implement the marketing plan and report progress in each subsequent annual report submitted to the General Council up until the date of the next renewal of recognition review.
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Yours sincerely,



Judith Simpson  
Clerk to the Privy Council