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Dear Mr Redford,

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualification Renewal of Recognition of the Master of Osteopathic Medicine (M.Ost) and Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (B.Ost).**

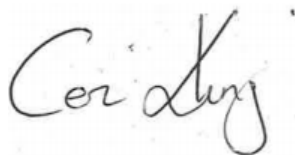
This is to confirm that the Privy Council has considered the request from the General Osteopathic Council ("the General Council") to seek the approval of the renewal of the recognition of the Master of Osteopathic Medicine (M.Ost) and the Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (B.Ost) awarded by North East Surrey College of Technology from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2028 subject to conditions

The Privy Council, in exercise of its powers under section 14(2) of the Osteopaths Act 1993 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 7 July 2023, 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 |  |
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| 1          | The College must refine their data capture and reporting methods to ensure coherent monitoring and forecasting of patient numbers as well as ensuring the attainment of the required hours in clinic.  |
| 2          | While clinical audit is undertaken on a monthly basis, there does not appear to be a clear strategy to ensure the quality of the breadth of patient interactions that students encounter. The College must improve their recording of patient audit data, and management of student exposure to a full range of musculoskeletal and non-musculoskeletal presentations, to ensure that students see a sufficient depth and breadth of patients. |

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| 3 | Nescot 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.   |
| 4 | <p>Nescot 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"> <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. 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</li> <li>xi. changes in student entry requirements</li> <li>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)</li> <li>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)</li> <li>xiv. changes in teaching accommodation</li> <li>xv. changes in IT, library, and other learning resource provision</li> </ul> |
| 5 | <p>Nescot 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 <i>Graduate Outcomes and Standards for Education and Training, 2022</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 Nescot giving not less than 9 months notice.</p>  |

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Ceri King, LVO