

Draft Review Specification for the London School of Osteopathy – Renewal of Recognition of Recognised Qualifications

Background

1. The London School of Osteopathy (LSO) currently provides the following qualifications which are due to expire on 31 August 2019.
 - a. Bachelor of Osteopathy (Hons) 5 years part time or 3.5 years full time
 - b. Master of Osteopathy 6 years part time or 4 years full time.
2. The LSO wishes to renew both of these qualifications. A copy of the current Recognised Qualification award and the last Quality Assurance Agency for Higher School information.
3. Copies of Committee papers relating to the LSO are attached to this specification for information.

QAA Review

4. The GOsC requests that the QAA schedules a combined renewal of recognition review of the following qualifications:
 - a. Bachelor of Osteopathy (Hons)
 - b. Master of Osteopathy.
5. 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 (OPS)*
 - Make sure graduates meet the outcomes of the *Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education (2015)* and the *Quality Assurance Subject benchmark statement: Osteopathy (2015)*
 - 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
 - Promote equality and diversity in osteopathic education.
6. The format of the review will be based on the GOsC/QAA Handbook (<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews-and-reports/how-we-review-higher-education/general-osteopathic-council-review>) and the *Osteopathic Practice*

Standards (<http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/standards/>). Associated guidance will also include the *Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education* (2015) (<http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/training-and-registration/becoming-an-osteopath/guidance-osteopathic-pre-registration-education/>).

7. In addition to the usual review format, the Committee would like to ensure that the following area is explored:
 - a. An update on the implementation of the new assessment strategy and mechanisms to monitor and evaluate this.
8. The provisional timetable for the London School of Osteopathy RQ review will be as follows:
 - June / July 2018 – Committee appointment of new Visitors (electronically)
 - September 2018 – Submission of updated self-evaluation document
 - Visit– 28 and 29 September and 1 October 2018 - Visit (including observation of teaching and learning both clinical and academic and opportunities for discussions with staff and students.)
 - November/December 2018 – Draft Report sent to LSO for comments– statutory period.
 - January 2019 – Preparation of Action Plan to meet proposed conditions (if any).
 - March 2019 – Recommendation from the Committee to Council to recognise the qualification.
 - May 2019 – Recognition of Qualification by the General Osteopathic Council.
 - Before August 2019 – Approval by the Privy Council.
9. This timetable will be the subject of negotiation with the LSO, GOsC and the QAA to ensure mutually convenient times.