RQ Review Action Plan and – Plymouth Marjon University

Date: 29 May 2020.

Conditions	Responsibili	Deadlin	Process to be followed/Actions to be	Summary.	Monitoring requirement
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Condition 1	Programme	June	To review the definitive	Completed.	Quality and
Undertake, by June	Leader (Prof	2020	document and mapping of		Academic
2020, further	Gary Shum)		module learning outcomes	Paragraph 25, 35 and 56:	Standards
systematic			of each module against		Unit and
embedding of the			Osteopathic Practice	The module learning outcomes of each	University
new Osteopathic			Standards (2019) and the	module in the Master of Osteopathic	Board of
Practice Standards			revised Subject Benchmark	Medicine programme have now been	Studies
(2019) and the			Statement for Osteopathy	mapped against the Osteopathic Practice	(UBOS)
revised Subject			(2019)	Standards (2019) and the QAA Subject	
Benchmark Statement				Benchmark: Osteopathy (2019).	
for Osteopathy			To review the content of		
(2019), and ensure			the programme especially	Please see enclosed A1_Revised Mapping	
their requirements			human anatomy and	Documents_May_2020.	
are fully integrated			osteopathic research		
throughout the			embedding this throughout	The revised mapping documents have been	
programme, and that			the levels of the	added to the attached A2_M.Ost programme	
all staff teaching on			programme.	specification in pages 18-25.	
the programme					
understand their				An induction document has been developed.	
requirements				Email will be sent out to each member of the	

(paragraph 25, 26, 30,	teaching team before each semester (please
35 to 37 and 56).	see attached Induction - teaching of M.Ost).
	Group meetings will then be arranged to go
	through the OPS and mapping of the module
	learning outcomes. (A3)
	Paragraph 26:
	The website content has been amended with
	the reference to craniosacral therapy and
	headaches being removed.
	Any updates on website and prospectus will
	now need to be approved by the M.Ost
	Programme Leader on the website
	development software 'Terminal 4 before
	going 'live'. This will ensure that the
	webpage does not contain any misleading
	information.
	Paragraph 30:
	The osteopathy teaching team have now
	reviewed the content of the programme
	especially human anatomy at level 4. This is
	currently covered in OMEC04: Human
	Physiology & Functional Anatomy, but will
	also be embedded in more detail in OMEC03:
	Musculoskeletal Biomechanics.

	Plymouth Marjon University have a strong research profile in the area of back pain and nerve biomechanics, running biomechanics and gait retraining, management of back pain through physical activity and exercise programmes. Please see enclosed A4_Research informed teaching and List of publications_Plymouth Marjon University. Regarding the teaching of osteopathy research, additional sessions with an enhanced focus on osteopathy research have been included at level 5. Further teaching sessions in osteopathy research have been provided at level 6, and all students will be assigned a member of staff as their project supervisor. Students at level 6 are required to submit an extended research proposal under the module of OMEH03 Clinical Practice 1, in preparation for their Master Thesis Project in Level 7 (OMEM03).
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Condition 2	PL (Prof	June	Fully review all marketing	Completed.	Quality and
Review, by June 2020,	Gary Shum)	2020	material including student		Academic
all outward-facing			testimonials to ensure that	PL (Prof Gary Shum) has double checked the	Standards
information regarding			this is fully reflective of the	website and prospectus, and worked with the	Unit and
taught osteopathic			content of the programme	Marketing and IT teams to revise the	University
techniques to ensure			removing all reference to	wordings according to the CMA and ASA	Board of
it is accurate and			High Velocity Low	guidelines.	Studies
complete and reflects			Amplitude technique being		(UBOS)
current course			taught at Level 4. Following	Any course page updates on the website will	,
delivery (paragraph			this ensure that all outward	be approved by the Programme Leader	
27 and 28).			facing information relating	before going 'live'.	
,			to the programme is		
			reflective of the GOsC	New prospectus will need to be signed off by	
			conditions and the CMA	the programme leader, which is the usual	
			and ASA guidance	practice in place.	
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				The course website is:	
			To ensure new mechanisms	https://www.marjon.ac.uk/courses/osteopat	
			are in place to prevent any	hic-medicine-degree/	
			similar issue's in the future.		
				With the following emphasis on the website	
				under the Modules of the Programme:	
				and and another and a second an	
				Places and Discourants that askesses 2/7/4	
				Please note:Please note that only year 2/3/4 students can practice High Velocity Low Amplitude	
				adjustment/manipulation on their fellow students	
				under supervision of the teaching team.	

Condition 3	PL (Prof	June	To implement by June 2020	Completed.	Quality and
Undertake, by June	Gary Shum)	2020	a more effective and		Academic
2020, a more			systematic process for the	The University has implemented a new	Standards
effective and			ongoing review and	annual monitoring report which has been	Unit and
systematic process for			evaluation of the	implemented for 2019-20. The newly	University
the ongoing review			programme.	designed Semester Report will sit within a	Board of
and evaluation of the				programme report. This will allow	Studies
programme, to				programme leaders to analyse and monitor	(UBOS)
include the analysis of				programme and module performance using	
data, the recording of				live data. A new reporting tool has been built	
meetings, action			To review the mechanisms	into the University's Information Portal which	
planning, and regular			for student feedback at	provides a snapshot of data at any given	
monitoring of actions;			programme level including	time. This includes data on progression,	
to allow for informed			SSLC meetings ensuring	grade profile, retention, recruitment,	
decisions to be made			these are appropriately	ethnicity, diversity and student feedback. The	
about the future			recorded, analysed and that	intention is that this will be used by Module	
planning,			the feedback loop is closed.	Leaders and Programme Leaders to complete	
development and to				annual monitoring reports. Action Plans are	
manage risk				built into the report template allowing	
(paragraph 33, 34,				Programme Leaders to identify smart and	
107 and 109).				measurable actions for the coming year. All	
				Semester and Programme reports are	
				forwarded to the Quality and Standards	
				Manager and relevant Director of School.	
				These reports are then used to inform School	
				Reports. Annual monitoring reports are	
				discussed, and actions reviewed at the	
				University Board of Studies committee.	

The University will also be completing this summer a risk assessment of all programmes which will include looking at both quality and financial risks. This will be completed on an annual basis ongoing with data received at both Senior Management team meetings and the University Board of Studies committee. (please see attached A4 Semester Report Template 2020-21). Paragraph 33 Students can provide feedback through module evaluations or via discussions during the Staff Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) meetings. Any modification of the curriculum will be discussed at team meetings and then with the external examiner. Any course-specific curriculum development will then be disseminated in Staff Student Liaison Committees (SSLCs) meetings so students will be aware of their feedback influence the continuous improvement of the programme These discussions will be documented and evident via minor modification processes that

will require student feedback as part of the quality assurance mechanisms. Paragraph 34 Please refer to our earlier response to Paragraph 25, 35 and 56 regarding the Induction to the non-osteopath teaching staff.
Paragraph 107 and 108 Students will now be asked to complete an online end of module evaluation, with the same questions being asked as in the midmodule evaluation (please see attached Midpoint Module Evaluation Form). This will ensure we can gather feedback after the improvement suggested by staff following the mid-module evaluation. (A5)
Module reports at Plymouth Marjon University have been revised to incorporate both mid-module and end of the module evaluation allowing programme teams to respond to any student feedback given (please see attached A6 Semester Report Template 2020-21).

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				Module lead will be asked to monitor the response rate of mid-module and end of the year module evaluation and aim to achieve a minimum of 50% response rate for each module. The feedback response rate will be monitored through team meetings and the Semester Report.	
Condition 4	PL (Prof	August	The osteopathy teaching	In progress.	Quality and
Implement, by August	Gary Shum)	2020	team to consult and work		Academic
2020, a revised			with marketing team to	Paragraph 70, 91, 92 and 102	Standards
marketing strategy for			formulate a revised		Unit and
the recruitment of			marketing strategy.	Katy Wills, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student	University
students and patients,				Success) of Plymouth Marjon University has	Board of
and ensure that an				provided an update on our student	Studies
appropriate range			In liaison with the	recruitment activities and strategy on 5 May	(UBOS)
and diversity of			marketing department and	2020 (please see attached A7_student	
patient presentations			Director of School, we shall	Recruitment Update)	
are available to meet			review the marketing		
students' learning			strategy for the recruitment	Marjon Osteopathy clinic has been closed	
needs, consistent			of students and patients to	since 16 th March 2020 due to COVID-19.	
with the expectations			ensure that an appropriate		
of the Subject			range and diversity of	Marjon Osteopathy clinic is planned to	
Benchmark Statement			patient presentations are	reopen in September 2020 with a phased	
for Osteopathy and			available to meet students	return approach, a free Osteopathy service	
the Guidance for			learning needs, ensuring	will be offered between September and	
Osteopathic Pre-			that this has been	December 2020 to attract clients to our	
registration Education			completed by August 2020.	students-led Marjon Osteopathy clinic. Such	
(paragraph 70, 91, 92				strategy has been proved to be very	
and 102).				successful between September and	

December 2019, with the clinic being fully booked with a 4 week waiting list. It is planned that from 1st January 2021 onwards, Marjon Osteopathy clinic will offer a free first appointment (90 minutes include assessment and treatment) and it will be £15 for follow up appointments (45 minutes). During the development of the new osteopathy clinic in 2019, we have built a strong local presence through marketing and promotion, through social media (Official Plymouth Marjon University Facebook and Twitter, a dedicated webpage and posters and advertising in the local radios, newspapers and magazines. A Clinic Flyer and promotional emails will again be sent to our collaborating partners at the local police and fire service, Plymouth City Council and a network of primary and secondary schools in August 2020 to prepare for the reopening of the clinic in September 2020. Promotional emails will also be sent out by Members of the Board of Governors at Plymouth Marjon University to their relevant organisations including Plymouth City Bus and Church of England schools and academies.

Condition 5	PL (Prof	August	By August 2020 in liaison	Paragraph 87, 89.	Dr Saul
Implement, by August	Gary Shum)	2020	with the Director of School		Bloxham
2020, a revised five-	, ,		and the Director of Finance	On 28 January 2020, Simon Arthur (Director	(Director of
year clinic resource			implement a revised five-	of Finance), Dr Saul Bloxham and Prof Gary	School) and
and development			year clinic resource and	Shum met and completed a Risk Assessment	University
plan to respond to the			development plan.	showing the viability and staffing	Board of
planned increase in				costing/recruitment considering different	Studies
student numbers, and				scenarios of student recruitment for the year	(UBOS)
the treatment of			To include contingency	1 cohort.	, ,
patients from			plans for the planned	This includes scenarios of 40, 25 and 10 new	
specialist populations			increase in student	year 1 students. (please see the tab in the	
(paragraph 87, 88 and			numbers and to ensure	enclosed 'A8_Risk Assessment_Course	
89).			student access to patients	costing tool_M.Ost_28 Jan 2020'	
			from specialist populations		
				The Marjon Osteopathy clinic will open 9am	
				to 5pm Monday to Friday from September	
				2020 onwards (with 9 x year 4 students and	
				20 x year 3 students). Our Marjon	
				Osteopathy clinic can cater for 30 students	
				per cohort if we extend the clinic opening	
				times to evenings and potentially weekends.	
				Paragraph 88	
				We currently have 11 firm accepts onto the	
				M.Ost programme 2020-21, with more	
				applicants expected during clearing. It is	
				highly likely that our current facilities can	
				accommodate our students.	

				Once our aspiration of recruiting 40 students per cohort has been achieved, there is a scope to expand the osteopathy clinic by converting the teaching room adjoining the current Marjon Osteopathy Clinic at the first floor of the Marjon Sport and Health Centre. One breakout room is available within the Marjon Osteopathy clinic, additional breakout rooms are also available on the first floor and ground floor of the Marjon Sport and Health Centre. Further meetings will be scheduled between Professor Ian Luke, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic), Simon Arthurs (Director of Finance) and Dr Saul Bloxham and Professor Gary Shum in June 2020 to formulate a revised five-year clinic resource and development plan.	
Condition 6	PL (Prof	Septem	By September 2020, in	Ongoing –	Quality and
Introduce e veries d	Gary Shum)	ber	liaison with the Quality and	We have already approached an additional	Academic
Introduce a revised		2020	Academic Standards Unit	We have already approached an additional	Standards
structure for external			ensure that an additional	external examiner, who is a registered	Unit
examining of the			external examiner is	osteopath currently working in higher	
programme to ensure			appointed to the	education. We are confident that an	
that, by September			programme, so that two	additional examiner will be appointed by	
2020, an additional			external examiners are in	September 2020.	

examiner is	post for the first graduating	
appointed, so that	cohort. Following this	
two examiners are in	ensure that external	
post for the first	examiners continue to be a	
graduating student	registered osteopath for the	
cohort, and that in	duration of the	
future at least one	appointment.	
examiner is a		
registered osteopath		
(paragraph 114).		