



Policy and Education Committee

15 June 2023

North East Surrey College of Technology (Nescot) – Appointment of Visitors (reserved)

Classification	Private
Purpose	For decision
Issue	<p>Approval of the appointment of visitors for the Recognised Qualification (RQ) review at the North East Surrey College of Technology (Nescot) of their part-time Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst) offered by Nescot.</p> <p>The appointment of the Visitors for Nescot’s Recognised Qualification of their part-time program.</p>
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To agree the appointment of Brian McKenna, Steven Vogel, Jill Lyttle, as the visitors of the part-time Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst) offered by Nescot.
Financial and resourcing implications	The costs of the review are budgeted for within the 2022-23 financial year and are incorporated in our current contract with Mott MacDonald at a cost of £14,855.
Equality and diversity implications	Equality and diversity issues are explored as part of the RQ renewal process and are explicitly referenced as part of the review criteria set out in the Mott MacDonald Interim Quality Assurance Handbook .
Communications implications	The review specification is shared with Nescot, with Mott MacDonald and will be shared with the Visiting Team when they are appointed, and it is publicly available.
Annex	None
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Key Messages

- The North East Surrey College of Technology (Nescot) currently provides qualifications in Master of Osteopathy (MOst) and Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst) with a recognition period of 1 November 2018 to 31 October 2023.
- This paper seeks the approval from the Policy and Education Committee for the visitors of the Recognised Qualification visit of Nescot's part time Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst) program.
- The proposed Visit Team is:

Name	Role
Brian McKenna	Osteopath
Steven Vogel	Osteopath
Jill Lyttle	Lay visitor

Background

1. The North East Surrey College of Technology (Nescot) currently provides the following qualifications the recognition period of which is due to expire on 31 August 2023: Nescot had their RQ renewal visit in October 2022, the new renewal period was agreed by Council on 15 May 2023 and is subject to approval by the Privy Council on the below courses:
 - Master of Osteopathic Medicine (MOst)
 - Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst)
2. The visit has been scheduled to take place from Wednesday 4 October - Thursday 5 October 2023.
3. The Committee is asked to approve a team of appropriately qualified Visitors under s12 of the Osteopaths Act 1993.

Discussion

Review Specification

4. Mott MacDonald will conduct the review on behalf of the GOsC, based on the review specification.
5. The review of the part-time programme at Nescot will use the October 2022 RQ visit data and analysis as a baseline and will form part of the end report.
6. This visit will be conducted online over two days, with a targeted agenda to identify the impacts of the part-time provision on students, staff, patients and other resources.

Appointment of Visitors

7. Section 12 of the Osteopaths Act 1993 provides that 'The Education Committee may appoint Visitors to ... report to the Education Committee on the nature and quality of instruction and such other matters as he was required to report on by the Committee.'
8. Three visitors are to be utilised for the visit, with the aim of engaging one of the visitors who conducted the full NEScot October 2022 visit plus an additional two visitors from the existing pool.
9. The visit is scheduled to take place during Wednesday 4 October - Thursday 5 October 2023. This visit is to be held online.
10. The proposed Visit Team is:

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Brian McKenna	Osteopath
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11. These recommended Visitors are members of the Mott MacDonald/GOsC Visitor pool (comprising of lay and osteopathic visitors) administered by Mott MacDonald who undertake selection, training and appraisal of all visitors on our behalf. All visitors are scheduled to participated in training delivered by the Mott MacDonald prior to the visit.
12. We have checked that the proposed osteopathic visitors are currently registered. We have also checked the Visit Team with Nescot which has confirmed that there are no issues for the Committee to consider in appointing the team. The proposed Visit Team has not declared any conflict in undertaking the review of Nescot. There is no known reason why we should not appoint these visitors.

Recommendations:

1. To agree the appointment of Brain McKenna, Steven Vogel, Jill Lyttle as Visitors for review of the Part-Time Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst) offered by Nescot.