

Project: GOsC Education Quality Assurance

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Mott MacDonald deliver Quality Assurance on behalf of the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC). In order for Osteopathic Education Institutions (OEs) to receive recognised status for their qualification(s), they must go through a rigorous quality assurance review to ensure that their provisions allow students to graduate meeting the Osteopathic Practice Standards (OPS). Mott MacDonald externally contract independent QA visitors to undertake the review process.

The QA visitors have a responsibility to review evidence presented for delivery of qualifications and triangulate this at a visit of the OEI. They are responsible for collating their findings within a report, dealing the OEI has met the OPS and Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education (GOPRE). This ensures that the programme(s) allows graduates to meet the OPS, practise safely and ensure that Recognised Qualifications (RQs) are only awarded to graduates meeting the OPS. If assurance can't be given, the QA visitors are responsible for ensuring that the report provides accurate findings as to why this cannot be given.

QA visitors are expected to:

- Act in accordance with the [Seven Principles of Public Life](#)
- Have strong interpersonal skills
- Work well with a team
- Create relationships and trust quickly
- Give feedback

QA visitors receive annual training to ensure that their knowledge and skills remain up to date for upcoming reviews. Further to this, QA visitors receive refresher training prior to each review.

Below outlines the requirements to be a QA visit:

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Registered osteopath (<i>unless applying as a lay visitor</i>) · Experience in quality assurance · Broad experience of academic/Higher Education management at a provider level · Experience of chairing meetings and report writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Experience in teaching osteopathic courses with a Recognised Qualification (RQ) status (<i>unless applying as a lay visitor</i>) · Understanding of Professional Regulatory bodies
Skills, knowledge and capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Knowledge of the GOsC's Osteopathic Practice Standards and of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education (<i>unless applying as a lay visitor</i>) · Excellent verbal and written communication skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Experience within the health sector

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Experience of analysing information and data, forming evidence-based conclusions and recommendations · Excellent report writing skills and ability to meet deadlines for publication · Ability to plan and undertake an investigation, capturing required information against the review method and scope, with the ability to interpret and analyse the information to draw reliable conclusions 	
Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ability to listen · Collaborative · Influential · Ability to apply reasoned argument and narrative · Committed to excellence in education 	

Please express your interest in becoming a QA visitor and share your CV and a cover letter with Mott MacDonald by emailing GOsC-Mott@mottmac.com.

We recruit in cycles aligned to the annual visitor training which will take place in March/April 2022. Please submit your CV and cover letter by 4th March 2022.

Please get in touch us via email if you have any queries.