

Review Specification for Nescot- Renewal of Recognised Qualification Review.

Background

1. Nescot currently provides the following qualifications which are due to expire on 31 October 2023:
 - Master of Osteopathic Medicine (MOst)
 - Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst)
2. Nescot wishes to renew the RQ for these qualifications. A copy of the current Recognised Qualification award and the last Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) report is attached for information. All Education Committee papers are available on request.

Review Specification

3. The GOsC requests that Mott MacDonald schedules a monitoring review for Visitors to report on the following qualifications:
 - Master of Osteopathic Medicine (MOst)
 - Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst)
4. 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
 - Make sure graduates meet the outcomes of the Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education.
 - 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.
5. The format of the review will be based on the [interim Mott MacDonald Handbook \(2020\)](#). Associated guidance will also include the [draft GOPRE and Standards for Education and Training, which will have been implemented if the visit proceeds to take place after September 2022](#).
6. In addition to the usual review format for a renewal of recognition review (appropriate to the stage of development of this course), the Committee would like to ensure that the following areas are explored:

- Impact of Brexit and the future of the Certified Prior Learning (CPL) pathway to entry;
- The teach out plans for the current programmes validated by Kingston University.

Provisional Timetable

7. The provisional timetable for Nescot review will be as follows:

RQ visit in October 2022

Month/Year	Action/Decision
March 2022	Committee agreement of initial review specification and statutory appointment of visitors
10 weeks before the visit (July /August 2022)	Submission of mapping document
October 2022	RQ Visit (including observation of teaching and learning both clinical and academic and opportunities for discussions with staff and students.)
5 weeks following visit (November/December 2022)	Draft Report to Nescot for comments - statutory period.
December January 2022	Preparation of Action Plan to meet proposed conditions (if any)
March 2023	Recommendation from the Committee to Council whether to make changes to the RQ programme approval (e.g., conditions or addition of an expiry date)
May 2023	Recognition of Qualification ongoing by the General Osteopathic Council
June 2023	Privy Council Approval

This timetable will be the subject of negotiation with Nescot, GOsC and Mott MacDonald to ensure mutually convenient times that fit well with the quality assurance cycle.