

Draft 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. A review of these qualifications was carried out in October 2022, and the visitors report recommends renewal subject to conditions. A copy of the current Recognised Qualification award and the visitor's report from October 2022 is attached for information. All Education Committee papers are available on request.
3. Nescot is introducing a part-time BOst programme, which has been validated and is due to commence in September 2023. This qualification was not reviewed in October 2022 alongside the current programmes, and an initial review of this pathway is now required.

Review Specification

4. The GOsC requests that Mott MacDonald schedules a monitoring review for Visitors to report on the following qualification:
 - Bachelor of Osteopathic Medicine (BOst) (part time)
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
 - 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.
6. The format of the review will be based on the [interim Mott MacDonald Handbook \(2021\)](#) adapted appropriately by the Visitors for the purposes of this specification and [Graduate Outcomes and Standards for Education and Training](#). As a review of the current RQ programmes took place in October 2022, this particular review

of the part time BOST will not need to include a full review of governance, resources and policies and can rely on findings from that Visit Report. It will focus and report instead on the following issues that the Committee would like to ensure are explored:

- The impact of the introduction of the part time programme, and how this will be integrated with the existing programmes delivered by Nescot.
- Risks and mitigations considered in relation to the part time programme.
- The provision of sufficient resources for all students
- Sufficient patients in the teaching clinic to meet the requirements as to the depth and breadth of experience for all students. This should include:
 - review of data capture and reporting methods to ensure coherent monitoring and reporting and forecasting of patient numbers and
 - coherent recording and reporting of the hours, numbers and types of patients seen in clinic for each student so that they can be assured that students are exposed to a full range of musculoskeletal presentations ensuring and evidencing that students see the depth and breadth of patients necessary to meet the required outcomes.

Provisional Timetable

7. The provisional timetable for the Nescot Part-time programme review will be as follows, but is subject to review:

RQ visit in November 2023

Month/Year	Action/Decision
March 2023	Committee agreement of initial review specification and statutory appointment of visitors
10 weeks before the visit	Submission of mapping document
November 2023	Review takes place
5 weeks following visit	Draft Report to Nescot for comments - statutory period.
Not required	Preparation of Action Plan to meet proposed conditions (if any)
March 2024	Recommendation from the Committee to Council whether to make changes to the RQ programme approval (e.g., conditions or removal of an expiry date)
May 2024	Recognition of Qualification ongoing by the General Osteopathic Council
June / July 2024	Privy Council Approval

Annex A to 6

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.