



## Policy and Education Committee

7 March 2024

### London School of Osteopathy – RQ specification (reserved)

<b>Classification</b>	Private
<b>Purpose</b>	For decision
<b>Issue</b>	Approval of the of the Recognised Qualification (RQ) specification for the RQ review at the London School of Osteopathy for their Master of Osteopathy (MOst) & Bachelor of Osteopathy (Hons).
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. To agree the updated RQ review specification presented at the annex.
<b>Financial and resourcing implications</b>	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.
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b>	Equality and diversity issues are explored as part of the RQ renewal process and are explicitly referenced as part of the <a href="#">Graduate Outcomes and Standards for Education and Training (2022)</a> and in the review criteria set out in the <a href="#">Mott MacDonald Interim Quality Assurance Handbook</a> .
<b>Communications implications</b>	The review specification is shared with LSO, with Mott MacDonald and will be shared with the Visiting Team when they are appointed, and it is publicly available.
<b>Annex</b>	None
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## **Key Messages**

- The London School of Osteopathy currently provides qualifications in Master of Osteopathy (MOst) and Bachelor of Osteopathy (BOst) the recognition period of which is 1 September 2019 with no fixed expiry.
- This paper seeks the approval from the Policy and Education Committee for the updated review specification included as an annex.

## **Background**

1. The London School of Osteopathy currently provides the following qualifications the recognition period of which is 1 September 2019 with no fixed expiry:
  - Master of Osteopathy (MOst)
  - Bachelor of Osteopathy (BOst)
2. The visit has been scheduled to take place from Saturday 19 October - Monday 21 October 2024.

## **Discussion**

### *Review Specification*

3. The review specification was agreed at the October 2023 Committee meeting. The review specification has since been reviewed and updated to reflect aspects raised in the 2022-23 annual report analysis and is attached in the annex for agreement.
4. This visit will be conducted on site over three days, with a targeted agenda to review the standards of LSO's programmes.

## **Recommendations:**

1. To agree the updated review specification presented in the Annex.

### **Draft Review Specification for LSO - Renewal of Recognised Qualification Review.**

#### **Background**

1. The London School of Osteopathy currently provides the following qualifications with no expiry date:
  - Master of Osteopathy (MOst)
  - Bachelor of Osteopathy (Hons)
2. LSO wishes to renew the RQ for these qualifications.

#### **Review Specification**

3. The GOsC requests that Mott MacDonald schedules a monitoring review for Visitors to report on the following qualifications:
  - Master of Osteopathy (MOst)
  - Bachelor of Osteopathy (Hons)
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 \(2020\)](#) and the [Graduate Outcomes and Standards for Education and Training](#).
6. In addition to the usual review format for a renewal of recognition review, the Committee would like to ensure that the following areas are explored:
  - Review of risk management to ensure transparency and assurance to the delivery of the course.
  - Review of the risk register to ensure it has been enhanced.

- Plans to implement an updated curriculum for the MOst and BOst programmes.
- Review planning and contingencies around temperature control within the teaching clinic.
- Review process of ensuring policies are reviewed and updated regularly.
- Ensure the ARU student management system covers all programmes and modules.
- Plans around risks to student recruitment and staff retention due to economic climate.
- The process by which patients are made aware of policies including the raising of concerns/complaints and safeguarding.
- How other patient feedback mechanisms are utilised to compliment electronic surveys, to support patients who do not have access to technology or have limited information technology skills
- Mechanisms to encourage and facilitate student feedback to all quality assurance (QA) surveys, and how these lead to changes and enhancements.
- How actions identified from internal and external feedback sources are monitored and identified actions are logged, monitored and implemented.
- How patients are recruited to ensure students are exposed to a sufficient depth and breadth of clinical experience.

### Provisional Timetable

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

#### RQ visit in no later than October 2024

<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Action/Decision</b>
October 2023	Committee agreement of initial review specification
June 2024	Committee agreement of statutory appointment of visitors
10 weeks before the visit c. August 2024	Submission of mapping document
19 to 21 October 2024	RQ Visit (including observation of teaching and learning both clinical and academic and opportunities for discussions with staff and students.)

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5 weeks following visit c. November/December 2024	Draft Report to LSO for comments - statutory period.
December / January 2024	Comments received from LSO
January 2024	Report finalised and sent to LSO.
March 2025	Consideration by the Committee of the visitors' report.

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