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Dear Matthew,

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualification
Renewal of Recognition of the Master of Osteopathic Medicine
(full and part-time)**

This is to confirm that the Privy Council has considered the request from the General Osteopathic Council ("the General Council") regarding the recognition of the qualification Master of Osteopathic Medicine (full and part-time) from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2026 awarded by Plymouth Marjon University subject to the conditions presented on the Recognised Qualification Order attached below.

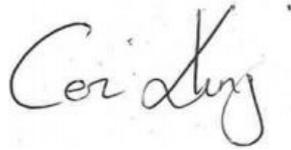
The Privy Council, in exercise of its powers under sections 14(2) and 15(6) of the Osteopaths Act 1993 (c. 21) and having regard to the information made available by the General Council in accordance with Section 14(7) of that Act in its letter to the Clerk to the Privy Council dated 19th August 2020, together with the enclosures to that letter, by this letter approves those qualifications awarded during the periods stated above, and approves the imposition of conditions by the General Council as set out in the following table:

CONDITIONS	
a.	Undertake, by June 2020, further systematic embedding of the new Osteopathic Practice Standards (2019) and the revised Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy (2019), and ensure their requirements are fully integrated throughout the programme, and that all staff teaching on the programme understand their requirements.
b.	Review, by June 2020, all outward-facing information regarding taught osteopathic techniques to ensure it is accurate and complete and reflects current course delivery.
c.	Undertake, by June 2020, a more effective and systematic process for the ongoing review and evaluation of the programme, to include the analysis of data, the recording of meetings, action planning, and regular monitoring of actions; to allow for informed decisions to be made about the future planning, development and to manage risk.
d.	Implement a revised marketing strategy for the recruitment of students and patients and ensure that an appropriate range and diversity of patient presentations are available to meet students' learning needs, consistent with the expectations of the Subject Benchmark Statement for Osteopathy and the Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education.
e.	Implement a revised five-year clinic resource and development plan to respond to the planned increase in student numbers, and the treatment of patients from specialist populations.
f.	Introduce a revised structure for external examining of the programme to ensure that, by September 2020, an additional examiner is appointed, so that two examiners are in post for the first graduating student cohort, and that in future at least one examiner is a registered osteopath.

g.	Plymouth Marjon University must submit an Annual Report, within a three-month period of the date the request was first made, to the Education Committee of the General Council.
h.	<p>Plymouth Marjon University must inform the Education Committee of the General Council as soon as practicable, of any change or proposed substantial change likely to influence the quality of the course leading to the qualification and its delivery, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. substantial changes in financeii. substantial changes in managementiii. changes to the title of the qualificationiv. changes to the level of the qualificationv. changes to franchise agreementsvi. changes to validation agreementsvii. changes to the length of the course and the mode of its deliveryviii. substantial changes in clinical provisionix. changes in teaching personnelx. changes in assessmentxi. changes in student entry requirementsxii. changes in student numbers (an increase or decline of 20 per cent or more in the number of students admitted to the course relative to the previous academic year should be reported)xiii. changes in patient numbers passing through the student clinic (an increase or decline of 20 per cent in the number of patients passing through the clinic relative to the previous academic year should be reported)xiv. changes in teaching accommodationxv. changes in IT, library and other learning resource provision

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| i. | <p>Plymouth Marjon University must comply with the General Council's requirements for the assessment of the osteopathic clinical performance of students and its requirements for monitoring the quality and ensuring the standards of this assessment. These are outlined in the publication: Subject Benchmark Statement: Osteopathy, 2019, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education, 2015, General Osteopathic Council. The participation of real patients in a real clinical setting must be included in this assessment. Any changes in these requirements will be communicated in writing to Plymouth Marjon University giving not less than 9 months' notice.</p> |
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Yours sincerely,

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