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Dear Matthew,

Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognition of Qualifications - Masters in Osteopathy (M.Ost), BSc (Hons) Osteopathy, BSc (Hons) Osteopathic Medicine and Renewal of Recognition of the Master of Osteopathy and BSc (Hons) Osteopathy (formerly awarded by the European School of Osteopathy) and the Masters in Osteopathy (M.Ost) and Bachelors in Osteopathic Medicine (B.OstMed) (formerly awarded by the British College of Osteopathic Medicine)

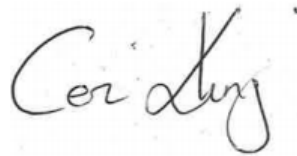
This is to confirm that the Privy Council has considered the request from the General Osteopathic Council ("the General Council") regarding the recognition of the qualification Masters in Osteopathy (M.Ost), the BSc (Hons) Osteopathy, and the BSc (Hons) Osteopathic Medicine awarded by the BCNO Group from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2026 **and** the renewal of the recognition of the Master of Osteopathy and BSc (Hons) Osteopathy (formerly awarded by the European School of Osteopathy) and the Masters in Osteopathy (M.Ost) and Bachelors in Osteopathic Medicine (B.OstMed) (formerly awarded by the British College of Osteopathic Medicine) now to be awarded by BCNO Group, from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2026 subject to the conditions as set out in the table 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 21st July 2022, 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	
1	The BCNO Group should prioritise the publication of BCNO Group specific policies to ensure that the governance of the Group is appropriate, accountable, consistent, and transparent. Where BCNO Group specific policies are aligned to existing policies already in place, this should be made transparent and clear that these are what are in place for the BCNO courses. The BCNO Group policies should be appropriately communicated to ensure that staff, prospective students, students, and stakeholders are aware of the content and expectations. The BCNO Group should produce a timetable for publication of these policies beginning with those specific to the new programmes, to ensure these are in place for September 2022.
2	The BCNO group should ensure that students enrolling on their modified attendance BSc programme are provided with a clear timetable for clinic attendance for the duration of the programme of study, in preparation for the September 2022 start date.
3	To ensure a clear student journey, the BCNO Group must complete the development of the details of module delivery for the BCNO Group programmes that are scheduled for delivery during the 2022-23 academic year.
4	The BCNO Group 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.
5	<p>The BCNO Group 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. substantial changes in finance ii. substantial changes in management iii. changes to the title of the qualification iv. changes to the level of the qualification v. changes to franchise agreements vi. changes to validation agreements vii. changes to the length of the course and the mode of its delivery viii. substantial changes in clinical provision ix. changes in teaching personnel x. changes in assessment xi. changes in student entry requirements xii. changes in student numbers (an increase or decline of 20 percent 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

	<p>through the clinic relative to the previous academic year should be reported)</p> <p>xiv. changes in teaching accommodation</p> <p>xv. changes in IT, library, and other learning resource provision</p>
6	<p>The BCNO Group 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 Graduate Outcomes for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education and Standards for Education and Training, 2022, 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 the BCNO Group giving not less than 9 months notice.</p>

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Ceri King