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Dear Tim,

**Section 14 and 15 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualifications
Recognition of the Masters in Osteopathy, Bachelors in Osteopathic Medicine
and Diploma in Osteopathy at 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, Bachelors in Osteopathic Medicine and Diploma in Osteopathy from 1st October 2013 until 30th September 2018 awarded by British College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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 19/07/2013, 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
The British College of Osteopathic Medicine 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.
The British College of Osteopathic Medicine must inform the Education Committee of the General Council as soon as practicable, of any change or proposed change likely to influence the quality of the course leading to the qualification and its delivery, including but not limited to:

- 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 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 accommodation
- xv. changes in IT, library and other learning resource provision

The British College of Osteopathic Medicine 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: ISBN 978 1 84482 734 3 *Subject benchmark statement for Osteopathy, 2007*, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. 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 British College of Osteopathic Medicine giving not less than 9 months notice.

Yours ever,

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Ceri King
Deputy Clerk to the Privy Council