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From the Head of Secretariat & Senior Clerk

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Ms Alison J White
Chair of General Osteopathic Council
General Osteopathic Council
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Dear Alison,

Sections 14 and 15 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognition of Qualifications College of Osteopaths:

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 qualifications for the Master of Osteopathy (MOst) and Bachelor of Osteopathy (BOst) during the period 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2017 awarded by the College of Osteopaths.

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 30 October 2012, 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 for the Master of Osteopathy (MOst) and the Bachelor of Osteopathy (BOst) awarded by the College of Osteopaths (the College)	
a.	The College must review its assessment strategy, giving consideration to the weighting of individual assessments and the assessment load, across both Middlesex and Staffordshire provisions to ensure parity of the student experience, and implement the changes by the end of the academic year 2012-13. To this end, signed notification from the College of Osteopaths and the General Osteopathic Council of the revised timescale must be notified to the Privy Council before the end of March 2013.
b.	The College must develop and make explicit the assessment criteria employed for student academic and practical work to demonstrate progression through the levels, by the end of the academic year 2012-13.

c.	The College must draw up a five-year rolling clinic marketing strategy for both provisions, aimed at recruiting patient numbers in line with current and projected student numbers and incorporating projections of resource availability and risk analysis, during the academic year 2012-13. The College must report on the implementation and outcomes of the marketing strategy in its Annual Reports during the period of recognition.
d.	The Board of Governors must review the Strategic Plan regularly and improve the recording of their deliberations in all governance activity during the academic year 2012-13.
e.	The College must establish a procedure to ensure that all elements of the quality assurance cycle are audited, reviewed and presented formally to the Senior Management Team and Board of Governors for action, during the academic year 2012-13.
f.	The College 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.
g.	<p>The College 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 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
h.	The College 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 <i>Subject benchmark statement for Osteopathy, 2007</i> , 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 the College giving not less than 9 months notice.

yours sincerely

Ceri King

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Deputy Clerk to the Privy Council