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Dear Tim,

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualifications
Renewal of Recognition of the Bachelor of Osteopathy and Master of
Osteopathy at the 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 Bachelor of Osteopathy and Master of Osteopathy from 1 May 2017 until 30 April 2022 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 29 November 2016, 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.	The College of Osteopaths must reinforce the awareness and understanding of student practitioners in seeking, articulating and obtaining valid patient consent in line with the Osteopathic Practice Standards
b.	The College of Osteopaths must develop and implement an academic misconduct policy to strengthen the understanding, detection and management of plagiarism within assessment.

c.	The College of Osteopaths must articulate a strategic plan, post 2016, that sets a clear direction for osteopathic education at the College in line with its foundation and that is disseminated to all stakeholders.
d.	The College of Osteopaths 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.
e.	<p>The College of Osteopaths 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
f.	<p>The College of Osteopaths 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: <i>Subject Benchmark Statement: Osteopathy, 2015</i>, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and <i>Guidance for Osteopathic Pre-registration Education, 2015</i>, 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 College of Osteopaths giving not less than 9 months notice.</p>

Yours ever,
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