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29th October 2019

Dear Matthew,

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualification
Recognition of the member of the London College of Osteopathy at the
London 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 Member of the London College of Osteopathic Medicine from 17th July 2019 to 16th July 2022 awarded by the London 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 8th October 2019, 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 London College of Osteopathic Medicine must produce a single definitive course document that clearly outlines the purpose, structure, assessment strategy, fitness to practise policy and operation of the London College of Osteopathic Medicine course to ensure consistency and continuity of delivery and understanding of the students in achieving their award.

b.	The London College of Osteopathic Medicine must undertake the mapping of the new Osteopathic Practice Standards (for implementation 1 September 2019) across all components of the London College of Osteopathic Medicine course to ensure current and future students are equipped for professional practise.
c.	The London College of Osteopathic Medicine must implement the arrangements for enhancing the external scrutiny of the London College of Osteopathic Medicine course to ensure comparability of academic standards and provide critical evaluation of the teaching and learning experience.
d.	The London College of Osteopathic Medicine must finalise the appointment of the moderator for the FCCA examination to optimise the validity, reliability and consistency of assessment.
e.	The London College of Osteopathic Medicine must finalise and implement the revised admissions arrangements through the introduction of the process, to include, where applicable, for assessing clinical competence.
f.	The London College of Osteopathic Medicine must implement a proportionate governance approach and associated assurance processes to inform and assure the Board of Trustees and stakeholders that the London College of Osteopathic Medicine fulfils its responsibility for the delivery of the Osteopathic Practice Standards.
g.	The London 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.
h.	The London College of Osteopathic Medicine 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:

	<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
i	<p>The London 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: <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 London College of Osteopathic Medicine giving not less than 9 months notice.</p>

Yours ever,
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