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*Dear Tim,*

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualifications  
Renewal of Recognition of the Master of Osteopathy at Swansea University**

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 Master of Osteopathy from 15th December 2014 until 14th December 2019 awarded by Swansea University.

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 25th July 2014, 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.	Swansea University should, by December 2014, develop, implement and evaluate a strategy for the development of osteopathic teaching staff in the following domains: i. teaching and learning ii. assessment iii. scholarship and research
b.	Swansea University 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.

c.	<p>Swansea University 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"> <li>i. substantial changes in finance</li> <li>ii. substantial changes in management</li> <li>iii. changes to the title of the qualification</li> <li>iv. changes to the level of the qualification</li> <li>v. changes to franchise agreements</li> <li>vi. changes to validation agreements</li> <li>vii. changes to the length of the course and the mode of its delivery</li> <li>viii. substantial changes in clinical provision</li> <li>ix. changes in teaching personnel</li> <li>x. changes in assessment</li> <li>xi. changes in student entry requirements</li> <li>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)</li> <li>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)</li> <li>xiv. changes in teaching accommodation</li> <li>xv. changes in IT, library and other learning resource provision</li> </ul>
d.	<p>Swansea University 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 Swansea University giving not less than 9 months notice.</p>

Yours sincerely

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