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27th November 2025

Dear Matthew,

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993,
Recognition of BSc (Hons) Osteopathic Medicine.**

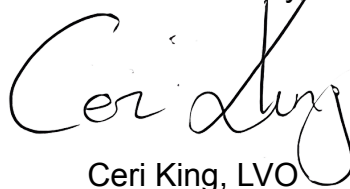
This is to confirm that the Privy Council has considered the request from the General Osteopathic Council ("the General Council") to seek approval of the Privy Council to Recognise the BSc (Hons) Osteopathic Medicine awarded by the BCNO Group from 1st September 2025 to 1st January 2031 subject to conditions:

1. In the continued design of the new three-year programme, the BCNO Group must ensure comprehensive engagement with all areas of the organisation involved in or affected by its delivery. This engagement must thoroughly address student concerns about the increased pressures associated with completing the course in a condensed format and ensure that adequate resources are available to support their studies. Additionally, the BCNO Group needs to consider the perspectives of support staff, teaching staff, clinic tutors, and patients to ensure that the programme's design encompasses all aspects of delivery
2. To allow staff and stakeholders to understand the changes that are taking place and to ensure there is a clear direction and milestones to increase accountability and the effectiveness of the management structure, the BCNO Group must produce a strategic plan document which gives an overview of their plans for development over the next three to five years showing clear timeframes, costings, and areas of responsibility.
3. The BCNO Group must ensure that all relevant course materials have been reviewed, approved, and are in place before the commencement of the new three-year programme.

4. The BCNO Group must increase student welfare monitoring in order to provide assurance that students are coping with the new course, able to engage in their clinical studies and ensure the BCNO Group can deal with any issues which may arise due to workload issues.
5. BCNO Group must provide ongoing assurance as the programme progresses (for example, through student and staff feedback and responses to this) that students' academic and welfare needs continue to be met, given the compressed delivery of the three-year programme.

The Privy Council, in exercise of its powers under section 14(2) of the Osteopaths Act 1993 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 Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council dated 29th September 2025, together with the enclosures to that letter, by this letter approves those qualifications awarded during the periods stated above.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ceri King', with a large, stylized 'C' and a long, sweeping tail.

Ceri King, LVO