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Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) welcomes the release of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics Report on ‘Cosmetic Procedures – Ethical Issues’

The JCCP is a newly proposed ‘self-regulating’ body for the non-surgical aesthetics industry in England formed after the publication by the Government of its policy on regulation in the sector in January 2016. The primary aim of the JCCP is to provide a mechanism that can enable the public to clearly identify safe practitioners across all non-surgical aesthetic treatments.

The JCCP welcomes the publication of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics Report on ‘Cosmetic Procedures – Ethical Issues’. This very comprehensive report produced by an influential team of experts and consultees highlights many of the ethical and practical issues being faced by the cosmetic industry particularly those around ‘public awareness’, safety and practitioner regulation.

The JCCP is delighted that the Nuffield Report has ‘welcomed the establishment of the JCCP’ and its role with other key partners to ‘initiate a public awareness campaign’ linked to a charter mark for practitioners (Recommendation 18) and to ‘close the significant gaps in data collection’ faced by the sector (Recommendation 21). The JCCP looks forward to supporting the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority – The CPSA (its sister body) in the achievement of this aim which is firmly embedded in the Council’s strategic plan.

The JCCP also supports the specific recommendation (10) asking the Department of Health to bring forward stand-alone legislation to make all dermal fillers prescription only.

The JCCP will be formally launched in November 2017 and has accomplished all of its adoption targets, having accomplished the following key steps:

- Submitted its application to host a ‘voluntary register’ of practitioners authorised by the PSA.
- Submitted its application to operate a company limited by guarantee with charitable status.

- Determined the structure and entry requirements for its ‘Practitioner Register’ and ‘Register of Approved Education and Training Providers’.
- Agreed its governance frameworks and procedures to determine the ‘Fitness to Practice’ of its registrants and to facilitate ‘Complaint Handling’ from members of the public.
- Agreed business partnerships with HF Resolution (to develop the technology platform for the operation of its registers) and Northgate Public Services Limited (to collect data on adverse incidents and complications on behalf of the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority).
- Developed a joint Code of Practice with Cosmetic Standards Practice Authority.
- Produced Memoranda of Understanding with key partner bodies and organisations.
- Confirmed the remit for a ‘Stakeholder Council’ involving all interested parties including patient representation.

Professor David Sines, CBE – Chair of the JCCP said,

‘The publication by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics of its report on ‘Cosmetic Procedures – Ethical Issues’ is very timely as the sector faces rapid growth and rising concern about public awareness and patient safety. The JCCP welcomes this very comprehensive and thought-provoking report and will provide support and leadership to ensure that its key recommendations are put into practice’.

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