

# Press Release 42 - Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) – Response to the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Beauty, Aesthetics and Wellbeing.

## Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners calls for statutory regulation of high-risk cosmetic treatments

The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) is calling for the statutory regulation of cosmetic treatments involving injectables, fillers, invasive lasers, 'deep' peels and other invasive treatments and says they should only be administered by regulated healthcare professionals.

The JCCP's call for tighter regulation comes on the day the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Beauty, Aesthetics and Wellbeing publishes its report (to read click [here](#)) on a long running inquiry into aesthetic cosmetic procedures. The APPG recommends a national licensing regime to be introduced across England with certain minimum qualification standards for practitioners carrying out aesthetic treatments but it falls short of statutory regulation.

The JCCP has witnessed a growing number of harmful complications arising from the performance of such treatments many of which have been the result of poor treatment by inappropriately qualified and trained practitioners.

Prof. David Sines CBE, the Chair of the JCCP said, "After a lengthy period of discussion with practitioners, consumers, patients, stakeholders and politicians we have concluded that in the interests of patient safety and public protection, high-risk and potentially harmful procedures, such as the insertion of dermal fillers or the injection of toxins should only be administered by appropriately trained healthcare professionals.

Prof. Sines said, "I welcome the APPG report, and I would urge the Health Minister, Nadine Dorries MP, to act on the recommendations as quickly as possible. It is clear, however, that the government needs to go further. It is increasingly apparent that at this time high-risk procedures, like the injection of toxins and the insertion of dermal fillers should only be administered by healthcare professionals who have the necessary skills, qualifications and competence in these areas. In terms of the regulation of products, the JCCP welcomes the APPG's recommendation that the regulation of dermal fillers must be brought into line with injectable toxins as a Prescription Only Device".

In addition, the JCCP is calling for:

- A new system of oversight, scrutiny and governance to ensure that Local Authorities and the Health and Safety Executive can take action against practitioners who compromise consumer safety.
- The legal definition of what constitutes a 'medical-related' service and what is an elective aesthetic non-surgical cosmetic treatment.
- A Government enforced system of annual data collection on types of aesthetic treatments, numbers of practitioners, premises, training courses and complications to inform the evidence base of a robust system of public protection in the UK.
- National, mandatory education and training standards for all practitioners who practise in the industry that build on the JCCP and CPSA Competency Framework (2018).
- The legal enforcement of the requirement for all practitioners to have an appropriate level of medical indemnity insurance and to provide a transparent redress scheme for service users.
- National scrutiny and action to prevent the promotion through social media of unsafe, unethical and exaggerated messaging about products, education, training and aesthetic service provision.
- A framework of statutory regulation to ensure that practitioners who cannot meet the required standards for safe and effective practice will not be able to practise legally.

Over the past 10 years there has been a significant rise in the number and type of aesthetic procedures performed in the UK and many practitioners are performing treatments that put patients/members of the public at risk without possessing the necessary training, experience or supervisory oversight and supervision.

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#### **NOTE TO EDITORS**

1. The regulation of cosmetic treatments varies across the UK. In England and Northern Ireland, cosmetic premises only need to register with the local authority but there are no powers to refuse registration. In Wales, a national licensing scheme is currently being implemented but only for five treatments, excluding some of the high-risk procedures like botulinum toxins and dermal fillers. In Scotland, a government consultation last year sought views on introducing a licensing regime for cosmetic treatments.
2. The JCCP registers practitioners and training providers with the key remit of ensuring patient safety and public protection. It has been established to assist members of the public who are considering non-surgical treatments, such as injections, fillers, lasers, peels and hair restoration surgery. It offers advice on patient safety and how to gain access to registers of approved practitioners.

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3. The JCCP practitioner register operates through the Professional Standards Authority which is accountable to Parliament.
4. The JCCP recently published a 10-point plan for Safer Regulation in the Aesthetic Sector, [https://www.jccp.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/10\\_point\\_plan.pdf](https://www.jccp.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/10_point_plan.pdf)

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For further information on standards for non-surgical aesthetic treatments and hair restoration surgery please go to: [www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk](http://www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk)

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