

JCCP Statement: Definitive Advice for Returning to Practice for Registered Healthcare Practitioners.

The JCCP has engaged in discussion with the Department of Health and Social Care, Professional Statutory Regulators and Trading Standards Officials to seek confirmation of the Council's previous stated position of whether it remains permissible at this time for registered healthcare clinicians to undertake and perform health-related aesthetic procedures from their clinical premises. In particular the JCCP sought clarification on the Government's latest update from Public Health England regarding returning to practice during phase 3 of lockdown restrictions in England. The update in question relates to Schedule 2 of The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020. Schedule 2 deals with 'businesses which must remain closed':

The JCCP received official confirmation from the DHSC at 18:00 on the 6th July in response to its formal enquiry that endorses the Council's currently published guidance on this matter.

As such the JCCP can now affirm that its recently published opinion and guidance '[Update for practitioners on part 1 of the JCCP register, who propose to resume practice from July 4th](#)', remains in place and unchanged with regard to the decision for healthcare professionals to resume practice to deliver medically-related aesthetic treatments.

Therefore the JCCP advises that registered healthcare clinicians can practise if you:

- Are acting in your capacity as a regulated healthcare professional
- Place patient safety and public protection as your primary concern
- Perform an individual patient assessment and associated risk assessment which leads to a clinical determination (arrived at through the application of the Practitioner's clinical judgement) that confirms that the rationale for the provision of the procedure is *medically related i.e.* having a pre-assessed and intended benefit with regard to the patient's physical and/or psychological health, rather than being purely cosmetic in nature.
- Undertake the treatment from clinical rather than beauty premises
- Undertake the procedure in accordance with published JCCP guidance and ensure that appropriate patient safety precautions are in place
- Ensure that you are insured for the procedure that you intend to perform

In these circumstances the JCCP would not consider these services to be elective or aesthetic 'beauty-related services' and will support its members in their decision to open from the 4th July for the performance of medically related aesthetic treatments. This decision also accords with the advice received from professional statutory regulators.

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Chair JCCP

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