



Press Release - Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) – Meet the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Patient Safety and Primary Care, Maria Caulfield MP

Representatives from the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP), the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH), along with corporate partners from pharma companies, pharmacies, and legal specialists met with the Right Honourable Maria Caulfield at the Conservative Health Group at the House of Commons on Tuesday 14th June 2022 to discuss a range of issues associated with the call for regulation of the non-surgical aesthetics sector in England.

The JCCP has welcomed the Government inclusion of the intention to regulate the sector in the now approved and enacted Health and Care Act 2022. The provisions in the Act mandate the Secretary of State for Health to consult on the scope of treatments to be included under a new system for licensing system for non-surgical treatments. Following this initial exercise standards will need to be updated and/or written and the detail of the licensing system worked out.

The meeting to discuss this important activity linked to patient care and protection was organized by Dr Paul Charlson - JCCP Trustee in association with the Conservative Health Group of MPs. Attendance at the meeting by the Minister of State for Patient Safety and Primary Care was welcomed by everybody.

The meeting was informed by a series of presentations where the JCCP talked about its 10 Point Plan that had been submitted to Government to improve patient safety in this sector. Tamara Sandoul from the CIEH also alerted the Minister to key issues relating to regulatory changes required to ensure the enactment of a pragmatic approach to licencing. The Minister welcomed the opportunity to attend the meeting and to listen to the views of all parties and confirmed her commitment to the next stages in the process. A full report of the meeting is now available at:

https://www.jccp.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/aesthetic%20treatments_report_1.pdf



Prof. David Sines CBE, the Chair of the JCCP said, “After a lengthy period of discussion with practitioners, consumers, patients, stakeholders and politicians we are delighted to see the new provisions for regulation included in the Health and Care Act, 2022 and to have had the opportunity to talk with Conservative Health and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State’.

The JCCP will continue to call for other addition measures to supplement the proposed licensing system:

- The need for extended powers to be given to the CQC to inspect all premises where invasive procedures that are included in the license are to be performed.
- The Minister Maria Caulfield MP is requested to seek an assurance that the CQC will develop a memorandum of understanding with local authority licensing organisations to perform an integrated and enhanced scheme of regulation for aesthetics to avoid duplication for those healthcare professionals who are already registered with the CQC.
- To call for the implementation of a national register of approved qualifications and of approved education and training providers.
- To consider whether the PSA could be given extended powers to oversee registers of approved education and training providers and qualifications in the sector in addition to their current statutory function of overseeing practitioner registers.
- Ofqual to be requested to ensure that they only approve qualifications in the future that meet the new Government standard for education and training for the aesthetics sector.
- Dermal fillers to become a prescription only device - the be agreed with the MHRA.
- The Minister to be requested to write to all Professional Regulatory Bodies who have responsibility for prescribing to seek assurance that they will enforce guidance to ensure that all prescribers do not perform remote prescribing in the aesthetics sector.
- 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.
- 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.



NOTE TO EDITORS

1. 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.
2. The JCCP practitioner register operates through the Professional Standards Authority which is accountable to Parliament.
3. 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

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