



Press Release 17: Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP)

The JCCP and the NMC are committed to the principles of patient safety and public protection and as such share their commitment to ensure that all aesthetic non-surgical practitioners practice and work at all times to the NMC Code for Nurses and Midwives (2015) and follow also the JCCP and CPSA Guidance for Practitioners Who Provide Cosmetic Interventions (2017) (para 16).

Both the JCCP and the NMC are committed to the principle of accrediting medical cosmetic practitioners against an agreed set of educational, clinical and practice-based standards who work to an agreed Code of Practice. Accordingly, the JCCP has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the NMC for the sharing of information regarding Fitness to Practice cases that might arise against registrants. The MOU provides for the JCCP to share any concerns it has about NMC registrants with the NMC and work collaboratively in the interests of public protection. The JCCP considers that this will assist the NMC to raise concerns efficiently and act to protect the public in line with the GMC's subsequent actions.

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to set out a framework between the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) to ensure that:

- effective channels of communication and information sharing are established and maintained between the NMC and the JCCP, to promote patient safety and high quality services for patients receiving non-surgical aesthetic treatments (including hair restoration surgery)
- where appropriate and necessary, the processes and procedures adopted by the JCCP and the NMC, with regard to matters of 'fitness to practice' for nurses involved in the provision of non-surgical aesthetic treatments and hair restoration surgery, are aligned to promote patient safety and public protection.

The JCCP and the NMC intend that their working relationship will be characterized by the following principles:

- the need to promote patient safety and public protection in the non-surgical treatment sector
- respect for each other's independent status
- the need to maintain public confidence in the NMC and the JCCP
- openness and transparency between the two organisations as to when cooperation is and is not considered necessary or appropriate
- the need to use resources effectively and efficiently.

Professor David Sines, CBE – Chair – JCCP said,

‘Nurses represent nearly 50% of all registered medical practitioners working in non-surgical aesthetics. The JCCP is delighted to have signed this agreement with the NMC which recognizes the JCCP educational, clinical and practice-based standards and puts in place clear operational arrangements for working together on ‘fitness to practice cases’.

NMC Director of Fitness to Practise, Matthew McClelland said:

“Across the UK, hundreds of people have non-surgical cosmetic procedures every day, with many undertaken by registered nurses. This Memorandum of Understanding builds on our strong working relationship with the JCCP. It cements our commitment to ensuring high standards and supporting better, safer care, while giving a clear framework for communication where there are concerns about the practice of individuals.”

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Notes to Editors:

The JCCP Practitioner Register is open for practitioners to join.

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