



## Press Release 18: Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the General Dental Council (GDC) and the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP)

**The JCCP and the GDC are committed to the principles of patient safety and public protection and as such share their commitment to ensure that all aesthetic non-surgical practitioner's practice and work to an agreed Code of Practice and best practice guidelines (para 12 – M of U)**

Both the JCCP and the GDC 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 GDC 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 GDC registrants with the GDC and work collaboratively in the interests of public protection. The JCCP considers that this will assist the GDC to raise concerns efficiently and act to protect the public in line with the GDC's subsequent actions.

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

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

The JCCP and the GDC intend that their working relationship will relate to those registrants who are registered with both the GDC and the JCCP and 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 GDC 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,**

“An increasing number of dental professionals are now engaged in delivering non-surgical treatments. The JCCP is delighted to have signed this agreement with the GDC which recognizes the JCCP educational, clinical and practice-based standards and puts in place clear operational arrangements for the exchange of information and for working together on ‘fitness to practice cases’.

**Ian Brack, Chief Executive and Registrar at the General Dental Council (GDC), said:**

“One of our primary purposes at the GDC is to protect public safety. Where it is appropriate and proper to share information in the interest of public safety, we are keen to agree memoranda of understanding such as this one. We look forward to working with the JCCP to further-develop our joint approach in the field of non-surgical cosmetic practice.”

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**Notes to Editors:**

The JCCP Practitioner Register is open for practitioners to join.

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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)