



Press Release 32- Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) – Preparing your Place of Work - Covid-19 and Return to Practice Guidelines

The JCCP has now produced a guidance document, working in conjunction with sk:n, to ensure, that as far as is reasonably possible, best practice is adopted when returning to practice following the current Covid-19 pandemic situation. As ever, safety of the patient, public and the practitioner is central to all that we do. The JCCP believes that there should be no compromise in safety for financial gain. This document does not make a suggestion of when practice should resume; this must be in line with Government advice; but this should only be when the Government confirms that clinics and treatment centres can officially and legitimately resume their businesses. The UK Government has now confirmed that beauty salons will not be permitted to resume their business until at least the 4th July 2020. The JCCP supports this position and does *not* support a resumption of practice during the government-imposed lockdown. Government advice on resumption of practice should form *part* of the decision to reopen, along with your ability to implement a risk-assessed and informed policy, and other material factors which may impinge on your capacity to perform safely and responsibly.

The guidelines have been prepared for consideration for use by cosmetic practitioners (and their staff). The core principles have been agreed by independent and expert opinion from the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority (CPSA).

The guidance should be used by competent cosmetic practitioners to ensure that they comply with patient safety and public protection standards required by both UK statutory professional and voluntary registers.

The following points are important in placing an understanding of this guidance document in context.

- The Coronavirus pandemic is an evolving and dynamic crisis. Therefore, this guidance will be updated accordingly, but should not supersede contemporaneous government or healthcare regulatory body advice.



- There is no policy or process identified which can consistently eliminate the risk of contracting or transmitting this virus.
- This guidance must be considered in addition to statutory obligations for Health and Safety in the workplace and your professional regulator.
- We advise practitioners, as ever, to avoid working in isolation, to seek supervision where appropriate and to keep up to date with ongoing developments, through professional associations. Many cosmetic practitioners work in isolation, but for JCCP members we refer you to your requirement for clinical supervision and for others, the option for peer networks through professional associations, to further inform this judgement. This is especially true in forming decisions on a case by case basis where this policy cannot cover all possible scenarios.
- Please also see section 2.0 below, for further context when reaching decisions in implementing this guidance.

This guidance relies upon the expertise provided by stakeholders in the non-surgical cosmetic industry, bringing together the work of Government and international reputable authorities.

We recognise the uncertainty that currently exists at this challenging time and reach out to you to encourage you to work as safely and responsibly as possible. We wish you to aim to return to work safely and to support you in minimising the risk of harm to both yourselves and your patients.

In the absence of definitive government and professional advice, these guidelines are designed to provide you with a range of basic principles to achieve a standard of safety within the limits of current understanding. It is important to understand that this document is a guidance document, rather than presenting a 'standard' against which to benchmark and 'reset' your practice. As such we encourage practitioners and staff to continue to explore and to adopt government advice on how to practise lawfully, safely and responsibly. As such the guidelines presented in this document should not be regarded in isolation or as alternatives from other definitive advice offered by employers or by Government agencies to inform local decision making.

The JCCP and the CPSA will continue to work with UK Government agencies and with the scientific community to review, consider and disseminate advice to the aesthetic practitioner community in order to provide further appropriate and proportionate guidance on how to practise lawfully and safely.

Alongside these exciting developments the JCCP will continue to develop its advisory, policy and ambassadorial role with Government as regulation achieves greater priority status with Ministers. The need for comprehensive data and research on patient safety and risk factors to inform Government policy is also a priority and the JCCP and the CPSA will use its 'good offices' to bring together all relevant parties in this area.

<https://bit.ly/2NBWBXq> - *Link to Return to Work Guidelines*



Professor David Sines, CBE and Executive Chair of the JCCP said,

'I am really grateful for the work undertaken by the team led by Andrew Rankin, and to those other parties that have provided information and support. We know that many practitioners have started to look at what it will be like to operate post COVID-19 and we hope that the guidelines provide them with a comprehensive framework from which to devise their own plans'.

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Additional Notes:

The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP), was formally launched In February 2018 as a 'self-regulating' _body for the aesthetics and hair restoration sector in the United Kingdom and has achieved Professional Standards Authority (PSA) recognition and **charitable status**. The charitable status reflects the overarching not-for-profit mission of the JCCP which is to improve patient safety and public protection. The concept of the JCCP was envisioned by the Department of Health and was instigated by Health Education England on behalf of NHS England and the Department of Health. The primary aim of the JCCP is to enable the public to be more informed about the risks associated with non-surgical and hair restoration treatments and to clearly identify safe and appropriately trained practitioners who practise in these areas of specialist treatment. In order to achieve these aims the JCCP has now established a Government (Professional Standards Authority – PSA) approved **Practitioner Register**

Notes to Editors:

For further information on standards for non-surgical aesthetic treatments and hair restoration surgery please go to:

www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk

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