



# Press Release - New national survey looking at individual patient experiences of Botulinum Toxin Complications now launched

**'Collaboration between JCCP, BAAPS and University College London to identify extent of challenge faced by members of the public following the receipt of cosmetic injectable procedures**



The JCCP is committed to ensuring patient safety. In furtherance of this objective we are collaborating with researchers at University College London (UCL) and clinicians at the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (BAAPS) to contribute to building a scientific evidence base to inform safer evidence-based practice.

The strong research reputation and background of UCL is key to this collaboration and formalises a partnership extending several years, in addition to benefitting from the clinical expertise at BAAPS.

This novel survey has a primary aim of capturing individual consumer experiences following receipt of Botulinum Toxin injections. The survey was created with a cross disciplinary team including researchers, psychologists, clinicians, and patient representatives. If you have had a difficult or challenging experience that you wish to share, this survey will provide the platform for you to do so.

It is hoped that with this information, the types of difficulties that members of the public may have experienced could be better understood.

This is particularly timely, as the highly anticipated government public consultation on the design of a new licence for non-surgical cosmetic practice in England is set to be launched by the Department of Health and Social Care in Spring of this year. It is hoped that the data collected from this survey will inform the public consultation and assist the UK Government in its endeavour to introduce statutory regulation for the aesthetic and non-surgical cosmetic industry.

The survey can be accessed here: [https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV\\_0GqSdlNYSsELM7b0](https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_0GqSdlNYSsELM7b0)



Dr David Zargaran, lead researcher at UCL said: “Collaborating with BAAPS and the JCCP will bring together expertise which can help to shape best practice, and as a first step, we are looking to capture the patient experience. Our previous research has already highlighted how important a robust evidence base is in ensuring patient safety. This project will build on our previous work, and I am looking forward to continuing to evaluate the true public health impact of the aesthetic injectables market.”

Prof. Ash Mosahebi, Professor of Plastic Surgery at UCL and chair of BAAPS Academy research council said: “This collaboration is a great example of the direct translational impact of the research we strive to undertake at UCL, leveraging the expertise of the JCCP and BAAPS too. The aesthetic sector can significantly benefit from greater research to understand the potential risks to patients, and we hope that with this survey we can better understand the risks of the sector as a whole”.

**Prof. David Sines CBE, the Chair of the JCCP said:** “The JCCP is delighted to engage with BAAPS and the UCL research team as a partner in this collaborative research project. The JCCP is committed to encouraging the collection of objective empirical data to assist in the construction of a robust and reliable evidence base upon which responsive systems of clinical governance and national oversight can be based for the aesthetic sector in the UK. The JCCP is actively supporting and promoting this research study’.

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