



## Press Release 8 - Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) awarded Charitable Status

The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners, a recently launched 'self-regulating' body for the non-surgical aesthetics industry, has been awarded charitable status. This status reflects the overarching not-for-profit mission of the JCCP which is public safety.

The JCCP operates a register of practitioners and a register of education and training providers. Its formation has involved working with over 200 interest groups, over 400 clinicians and allied practitioners and experts across all professional sectors, product manufacturers, pharmacies, distributors, patient groups, educationalists, professional associations and many more. It has the direct support of the GMC, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and Ofqual, the qualifications regulator.

The procedures covered include the injection of botulinum toxin and fillers, chemical peels/skin rejuvenation, laser treatments and hair restoration surgery.

The primary aim of the JCCP is to provide a mechanism enabling the public to be more informed about the risks associated with non-surgical treatments and to clearly identify safe and appropriately trained practitioners across all non-surgical cosmetic and hair restoration surgical treatments. The JCCP is committed to:

### Protecting the Public

- Establishing clear and simple procedures to enable the public to raise issues of concern about the professional practice of registrants.
- Providing simple and easily accessible information to the public considering non-surgical aesthetic treatments.
- Applying strict practice and educational standards and adherence to a 'Code of Practice' for entry to the JCCP Practitioner Register and for continued registration.

- Approving education and training providers that deliver programmes that meet the standards and provide practitioners with the skills to deliver safe treatments.
- Maintaining a publicly accessible register of individuals who successfully complete those programmes and accreditation procedures.
- Taking action if the standards may not have been met.

Professor David Sines, CBE – Chair of the JCCP said,

*'The awarding of charitable status to the JCCP by the Charity Commission is another step on the journey to delivering a body that is focused entirely on public safety. We now have a Board of Trustees in place who are charged with ensuring that the JCCP delivers on its charitable purposes'.*

There are many other significant announcements to follow from the JCCP in the coming weeks, including its partnerships with the GMC and other statutory regulators plus agreements with the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and Ofqual (the qualifications regulator).

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**Notes to Editors:**

The JCCP practitioner register is currently open for practitioners to apply to join. It will be freely available for the public to view in April.

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